FosterConnections!

WELCOME to St. Clair County Community College FosterConnect newsletter, FosterConnections!

Financial Aid News:

Students should have their 2020-2021 FAFSA completed, but if not, should do so as soon as possible. To apply, go to: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Remember, the earlier the FAFSA is submitted, the better the chances for receiving funds that have a limited supply (i.e. work study).  Applicants will use information from the **2018** tax year.  Financial Aid Officers are available to help answer questions.  Students can call 810.989.5530 for questions or make a virtual appointment by going to <https://sc4.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>.

Our program partners with the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** in St. Clair County to determine what educational resources students who experienced foster care in Michigan may be eligible for. If you are a student who experienced foster care at age 14 or older, please contact Sunshine Ratliff (St. Clair County MYOI Coordinator) at [ratliffs2@michigan.gov](mailto:ratliffs2@michigan.gov) or 810-990-9471. Ms. Ratliff will complete a short assessment to see whether or not a student is eligible for support services and/or college scholarships, then connect eligible students with those resources.

The **Fostering Futures Scholarship** deadline has been extended until September 1, 2020.  Eligible students who have not already applied should do so soon.  A fact sheet can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/documents/setwithmet/FFS_Fact_Sheet_15-16_489554_7.pdf>.   The 2020-21 FFS application can be completed online in the MiSSG Student Portal, downloaded from [www.mighian.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.mighian.gov/mistudentaid), or by calling 1.888.447.2687.

The **Tuition Incentive Program** Fact Sheet can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid/TIPFactSheet_636653_7.pdf>.  It is important that students make sure they list the school they will be attending.

**The Education and Training Vouche**r (ETV) Fact Sheet can be found at:  <https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid/ETV_fact_sheet_fy10_340288_7.pdf>.  Applications can be found at: [https://mietv.samaritas.org](https://mietv.samaritas.org/).

**SC4 CARES** funding application available to current students: <https://sc4.edu/cares/>.  This is emergency aid funding to support SC4 students impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The money is available to currently enrolled SC4 students who are experiencing additional financial need caused by the public health emergency. Awards are available to help students who are working toward the completion of a certificate or degree.

Housing News:

Apply soon for Fall!  Housing fills up quickly. Students can submit their applications at <https://sc4.edu/campus-life/college-housing/>, click on ‘How to Apply’, then ‘Student Housing Application’.  Also on this site, you can see the information about rates, meal plans, G.P.A. and credit requirements and the college housing code of conduct.  Questions?  Contact [housing@sc4.edu](mailto:housing@sc4.edu).

Summer Class Registration:

Summer Registration is still open for students interested in attending Summer semester.  Summer semester begins May 18, 2020. Classes are limited, so connecting with an Academic Advisor might be helpful - <https://sc4.edu/support-services/advising-and-support/advising/>.

Academic Calendar:

Important dates for semester dates, registration, drop/add, full payment deadline, etc. -  <https://sc4.edu/admissions/academic-calendar/>.

Fall Class Registration:

Registration for Fall 2020 is open!  Students should log into their portal, go to College Credit Students, go to Service Center, then go to Student Planning.  Once on the Student Planning page, students can click on ‘Go to Plan & Schedule’.  Contacting an Academic Advisor is recommended to ensure students are moving on a plan towards their program. To make an appointment, go to <https://sc4.edu/support-services/advising-and-support/advising/>.  Financial Aid or other payment options need to be in place by May 29th, which is the drop date for non-payment date.

FosterConnect Champions:

There are several champions that have agreed to be on the FosterConnect team.  They are professionals from various areas on-campus that will help answer any questions you have regarding their area of expertise.  For example, are you interested in getting tutoring help or need an academic plan?  Brenda Rinke will help you.  Disability?  Anne McPherson is the go-to person.  The support system at SC4 is set up and ready for students from application to graduation.

Admissions:

The Admissions team at SC4 is still here to help students navigate the enrollment process and answer questions about going to college. You can reach them at [recruitment@sc4.edu](mailto:recruitment@sc4.edu) to ask a question or schedule a phone call. When it is safe to do so, they are excited to have you on campus for a visit, or come to you for an information session.

 Quick Links:

Click [here](https://sc4.edu/application-for-admission/) to apply to SC4

Click [here](https://sc4.edu/request-a-tour/) to request a tour

Click [here](https://sc4.edu/campus-life/college-housing/) for housing

Click [here](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa) for FAFSA

As the program coordinator, my goal is to assist students from **application** **to** **graduation**, guiding and directing students through the sometimes daunting experience of college and our current COVID-19 reality. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you!

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