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RACHAEL EUBANKS
STATE TREASURER

June 2025

Dear Local Government Partner:

Financial education is critical to the success of Michiganders through every stage of life. Empowering your residents and staff with free resources available through the State of Michigan can give them the information they need to become financially savvy.

Michigan's Section 529 programs, the Michigan Education Trust (MET) and the Michigan Education Savings Programs (MESP) are expanding their partnership with local organizations to educate parents, grandparents and others on their options on saving for a loved one's future education. Offering MET and MESP as a voluntary benefit for your employees is a free and simple way to help minimize obstacles while increasing their financial wellness.

Enclosed please find a supply of 2025 brochures.

Your help in spreading the word about Michigan's 529 plans to individuals interested in saving for a child's college tuition is most appreciated. Contributions made in both programs by December 31, 2025, may qualify for a state income tax deduction. In addition, earnings are exempt from federal and state taxes if used for qualified expenses at any qualified higher education institution in the nation and abroad.

In addition to our college savings resources, we launched our MI Money Matters personalized financial literacy curriculum, to assist Michiganders with information to become financially savvy whether they are a high-schooler, new parent, retiree or any stage between. This personalized curriculum can be accessed at Michigan.gov/MIMoneyMatters.

Treasury staff are available to make free virtual or in-person presentations and/or set up an information booth at events. In addition, staff are available to develop a strategy to communicate these new benefits to your employees. To schedule a presentation, request additional brochures or to learn more about offering 529 plans as a part of your voluntary benefits, contact Heather Barthelmes at (517) 241-9127 or BarthelmesH@Michigan.gov. MI529 information is also available on-line at SaveWithMI529.com.

Again, thank you for your help in building a stronger financial future for your residents and staff by spreading the word about these programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachael Eubanks".

Rachael Eubanks
State Treasurer

Enclosures

EDUCATION SAVINGS 2025 WEBINARS

Learn more about Michigan's 529 college savings programs, the Michigan Education Trust (MET) and the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) during these free webinars.



* Denotes 7 p.m. webinar. Webinars will be approx. 30 minutes

MET and MESP

- ✓ Flexible
- ✓ Transferable
- ✓ Refundable
- ✓ Tax Advantages



JOINT MET & MESP PRESENTATIONS

12:00 p.m. -unless otherwise indicated.

Jan. 14	May 13*	Sept. 9
Feb. 11	Jun. 10	Oct. 14*
Mar. 11*	Jul. 8	Nov. 4
Apr. 8	Aug. 12	Dec. 9

MET ONLY PRESENTATIONS

12:00 p.m.

Jan. 23	May 22	Sept. 25
Feb. 27	Jun. 26	Oct. 23
Mar. 27	Jul. 24	Nov. 20
Apr. 24	Aug. 28	Dec. 18



Is your child graduating high school this year? Learn how they can use their MET, and what forms are necessary to inform MET of their plans for using the educational benefits available under their MET contract(s).



USING YOUR MET

7:00 p.m.

Apr. 30*
May 7*

SCAN CODE



FOR EVENTS



Michigan's 529 plans can help you save for a child or loved one's future education.

Michigan Department of Treasury offers two direct-sold Section 529 college savings plans, the Michigan Education Trust (MET) and the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP).

What is a 529 College Savings Plan?

In the same way a retirement plan offers tax advantages to help you save for retirement, a 529 plan helps you save for higher education expenses. Section 529 refers to the federal tax code allowing states to sponsor tax-favored higher education savings programs to help families save for college more easily and achieve their higher education savings goals.

529 Savings Plan Advantages

Each state's 529 plan is different, but they all offer tax advantages and flexible features for parents, grandparents or anyone who wants to save for education with 100% tax-free growth when used for qualified expenses/withdrawals.

Michigan's Disability Savings Program- MIABLE

It allows individuals with disabilities to save money without jeopardizing eligibility for state and federal programs. MIABLE assets can be used to purchase any qualified disability expense- including education, transportation, housing, health care and many more. Anyone who became disabled before age 26 is eligible to enroll in the MIABLE program.

Learn more at MIABLE.org.



Prepaid Tuition 529 Plan

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) is a Section 529 prepaid tuition savings program. MET allows you to prepay future college tuition at today's price. MET can be used to pay for tuition and mandatory fees at qualified higher education institutions.

Tax Advantages

- Michigan income tax deduction
- Tax exempt earnings if used for qualified expenses
- Gift tax exemption

Three Types of Plans

- Full Benefits Plan
- Limited Benefits Plan
- Community College Plan

Flexible Features

- Portable to most out-of-state schools, private colleges and trade schools.
- Transferable to another eligible family member
- Use for tuition and mandatory fees
- Use with scholarships or refundable if the student receives a full-scholarship
- Refundable if child does not attend college

Variety of ways to contribute

- Minimum initial contribution of \$25
- Contribute by check, automatic contributions, payroll direct deposit, online electronic funds transfer, and gift contributions
- Rollovers from other 529 plans



Investment 529 Plan

The Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) is an investment-based Section 529 college savings plan. You decide how much you want to contribute and how you want to invest among the many investment options.

Tax Advantages

- Michigan income tax deduction, limitations apply
- 100% tax-deferred growth potential on any earnings
- Tax-free withdrawals if used for qualified higher education expenses
- Gift tax exemption

Flexible Features

- Use at any eligible college, university, or trade school in the country and some abroad
- Transferable to another eligible family member
- Choice of low fee investment options
- Use for variety of qualified expenses including tuition, fees, room and board, and more

Variety of ways to contribute

- Minimum initial contribution of \$25
- Contribute by check, automatic contributions, payroll direct deposit, online electronic funds transfer, and gift contributions
- Rollovers from other 529 plans

LEARN MORE AT
SaveWithMI529.com

Learn more about MESP and MET with a variety of tools and resources.



Webinars

Join us for an online webinar and interact with college savings specialists. Regular webinars are available; check online for monthly webinar schedule.



On-site Presentations

Request a complimentary on-site, or virtual, college savings presentation for your organization or employer. If you are interested in having a college savings specialist present, call us for details.



Social Media

Find out about news, promotions and community events by visiting MET or MESP's Facebook and Instagram pages.



College Savings Calculator

Calculate how much you will save over time and set college savings goals with our online savings calculator.

ONLINE TOOLS & RESOURCES
SaveWithMI529.com



You can't predict the future, but you sure can prepare for it.

Saving for higher education is an investment in your loved one's future. Even with the rising cost of tuition and the burden of student debt, college graduates can earn significantly more than high school graduates, especially over the long term.

State-sponsored 529 College Savings Plans can help pay for college. These plans offer tax-advantaged savings programs that can help offset the costs of tuition and avoid burdensome student debt.

This informational kit is about Michigan's direct-sold 529 College Savings Programs:

Michigan Education Trust (MET)

Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP)

Program Administrator, Michigan Department of Treasury.

To learn more about the Michigan Education Savings Program, its investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses see the Program Description at Misaves.com before investing. Read it carefully. Investments in the Plan are neither insured nor guaranteed and there is the risk of investment loss. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Member FINRA, distributor and underwriter for the Michigan Education Savings Program.

Prior to investing, check with your home state to learn if it offers tax or other benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds or protection from creditors for investing in its own 529 plan. Consult your legal or tax professional for tax advice. If the funds aren't used for qualified higher education expenses, a 10% penalty tax on earnings (as well as federal and state income taxes) may apply. Consult your legal or tax professional for tax advice.

Michigan taxpayers can reduce their state taxable income by up to \$10,000 if married filing jointly (\$5,000 filing single) from contributions made into a Michigan 529 college savings plan.

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) is administered and managed by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

MET and MESP social media pages are managed by the Michigan Department of Treasury.



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