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The John Seita Scholarship Application

Priority Date for Submission for Fall 2010: *May 1, 2010*

The John Seita Scholarship covers the cost of undergraduate tuition at Western Michigan University. It was created to help students who have aged out of foster care, and meet eligibility requirements of either the Education and Training Voucher or Refugee Education Voucher program. To apply for this award, complete this application (with supporting documentation) and submit it along with your application for admission to WMU. Applications for the award and admission to WMU should be sent to the Office of Admissions ***no later than May 1, 2010.***

I, _____, was in foster care on or after my 14th birthday, and if I was adopted out of foster care, the adoption occurred on or after my 16th birthday. I have contacted my case worker and have included supporting documentation. Supporting documentation must verify the age requirement as specified above. Students who receive this award must live on campus in a residence hall or a WMU apartment and fully participate in the Seita Scholars program. By submitting this application, you agree that WMU may contact the state human service agency, or any other relevant agency, to verify your eligibility for the scholarship and suitability for the scholars program. You agree that you will hold Western Michigan University harmless as a result of contact with any such agency. Applicants who are still in high school must also apply for the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) before graduating from high school by calling 1-888-447-2687. ***Space in the Seita Scholarship/Seita Scholars program may be limited.***

Part I to be filled out by Student:

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| Student's Printed Name | Date of Birth | XXX-XX-____ | Last 4 digits of Social Security Number |
| Address | City | State | ZIP |
| Phone | E-mail address | | |

Part II to be filled out by Case Worker:

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|--------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| Case Worker's Name | Agency's Name | | |
| Agency's Address | City | State | ZIP |
| Phone | E-mail address | | |

Case Worker's Signature

Return with documentation of foster care status to:

Office of Admissions
Western Michigan University
1903 W Michigan Ave
Kalamazoo MI 49008-5211
For more information, call (269) 387-2000

This applicant meets eligibility criteria for the Michigan Education and Training Voucher, or Refugee Education Voucher (details on page 2)

Caseworker, check one and initial.

- Yes _____
 No _____

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Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

To be eligible for the Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program, a student must:

- be in foster care on or after his/her 14th birthday, *or*
- if the student is adopted, the adoption occurred on or after his/her 16th birthday
- have a high school diploma or GED
- attend, at least half-time, an **accredited** school that
 - awards a Bachelor's degree or not less than a 2-year program that provides credit toward a degree,
 - provides no less than one year of training toward gainful employment, *or*
 - is a vocational program that provides training for gainful employment and has been in existence for at least two years

For more information and to apply for the ETV program, visit www.mietv.lssm.org/ or call (877) 660-METV.

Michigan Refugee Education Voucher (REV) Program

To be eligible for the Michigan Refugee Education Voucher (REV) program, a student must:

- meet the same criteria listed above for the ETV program, and
- have come through Bethany Christian Services Refugee Unaccompanied Minors Program

For more information about the REV program, contact Alma Fazlic, Bethany Christian Services REV Worker, Phone: 616/224-7449, Fax: 616/254-7750, AFazlic@Bethany.org

Michigan Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

This is an incentive program that encourages eligible Michigan students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To be eligible, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive-month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS). To participate, students must sign up for TIP before they graduate from high school. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/osg. Contact the Tuition Incentive Program, Office of Scholarships and Grants, at 1-888-4-GRANTS.

More information about Michigan's ETV and TIP programs, as well as other resources for young people who have lived in foster care, can be found at: www.michigan.gov/fyit.