

LETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

[Subject line] Don't miss this postgraduation summer checklist!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You've made it through senior year! That's a big accomplishment for you and your child. Whether they're heading to college, career training or another path, summer is all about preparing for the transition. A few key steps now can make a big difference this fall. That's why we put together a simple checklist to help you stay on track.

GRAD SUMMER CHECKLIST

Help your child check these off before the fall:

- **Complete the FAFSA if you haven't yet.** *(Most families finish in 30 minutes or less. Some funding is first come, first served. So, don't wait!)*
- **Check FAFSA status and submit any requested verification.**
- **Review and accept financial aid offers.**
- **Apply for scholarships.** *(Applying for the **Michigan Achievement Scholarship** is as simple as submitting the FAFSA!)*
- **Confirm enrollment and ensure final transcripts are sent.**
- **Pay housing deposit** *(if needed).*
- **Register for and attend orientation with your child.**
- **Connect with an academic adviser before classes begin.**
- **Register for classes.**
- **Set up student accounts** *(email, student ID, meal plan).*
- **Keep an eye on student email and portals for important updates.**
- **Plan for move-in day.** *(And prepare for moving out at home, too!)*
- **Start gathering essentials to make their dorm or new living space feel like home.**
- **Review tuition bills and payment deadlines.**
- **Open a bank account and create a simple budget for student life.**

No matter what path your grad is taking, a little preparation this summer can go a long way toward a confident start this fall. If you have questions or need support filling out the FAFSA, we're here to help!

Does helping your child plan for what's next have you thinking about heading back to school? You could make it happen with **Michigan Reconnect!** Eligible adults 25+ can earn an associate degree or skills certificate TUITION-FREE. It's never too late to follow your dreams.

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