



GENESEE OPPORTUNITY



A PROPOSAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Supporting graduates for the next 20 years.

GO LEARN

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GO ACHIEVE

Pursuing education and skilled training immediately after high school graduation improves the chances of ultimately earning a degree or credential.

GO BEYOND

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GO VOTE ON AUGUST 2, 2016

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Genesee Opportunity:**



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Genesee Opportunity provides a stipend for all high school graduates toward costs to attend approved colleges and training institutions through funding from countywide tax dollars.

A program operated by the Genesee Intermediate School District.



THE PROPOSAL

GENESEEE OPPORTUNITY (GO) PROVIDES A STIPEND FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO ATTEND APPROVED COLLEGES AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS THROUGH FUNDING FROM COUNTYWIDE TAX DOLLARS.

The Genesee Opportunity (GO) proposal will appear before voters in an election scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

If voters approve ¼ mill (.25 mill) for 20 years, every Genesee County graduating senior would receive a jump start stipend toward the first year of further education and training.

Voter approval would provide \$2.3 million dollars annually for the program.



THE GOAL

The focus of Genesee Opportunity (GO) is to invest in our county and region's future by investing in our students. To thrive economically and for our county and State to be competitive, many more of our citizens need post-high school degrees and other valuable credentials that equip them with the tools and skills not only to get a job, but to navigate a fast-changing economy and become the entrepreneurs and job creators of tomorrow.

Pursuing education and skilled training immediately after high school graduation improves the chances of ultimately earning a degree or credential. Supporting graduates with a one-time stipend, regardless of what pathway they choose after graduation, may give them the resources they need to succeed beyond high school – to the benefit of themselves, their communities, and our region.

THE STIPEND All students who live in, and attend a high school in, Genesee County are eligible to receive the GO stipend, regardless of family income level. The stipend covers tuition and mandatory training costs/certification testing; and is paid directly to qualifying training entities, both in-state and out-of-state. Students are eligible to receive the GO stipend for one year after high school graduation.

A LOOK AT THE COST

Impact on local property taxes: .25 mill = 25¢ in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value.

Example #1:

\$250,000 house/\$125,000 in taxable value
\$31.25 per year/\$2.61 per month/9¢ per day

Example #2:

\$100,000 house/\$50,000 in taxable value
\$12.50 per year/\$1.05 per month/4¢ per day

Example #3:

\$75,000 house/\$37,500 in taxable
\$9.38 per year/\$.78 per month/3¢ per day

GO VOTE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016



GENESEEE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDES GENESEEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WITH A FINANCIAL JUMP START, NO MATTER WHAT EDUCATION PATH THEY CHOOSE.