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**TO:** Indiana Higher Education Financial Aid Offices  
**FROM:** Kathi Graves, Director, Grants Division *KG*  
**RE:** The Order of Application of Aid Guidelines  
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The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana ("SSACI") has updated the Order of Application of Aid guidelines for the 2011-12 academic year to reflect changes in federal law concerning the application of military tuition benefits and to incorporate the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship.

Specifically, postsecondary institutions should apply:

- State military tuition benefits, including Child of Veteran and Public Safety Officers ("CVO") and National Guard military funds, before federal military tuition benefits are applied to a student's award package.
- The Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship after other SSACI aid.

Those interested can find additional information regarding the changes in the application of military tuition benefits, in the December 15, 2011 memo titled: 'The Order of Application of Aid' available on our website at [http://www.in.gov/ssaci/files/111512 - Graves Memo - State aid vs Fed aid Memo.pdf](http://www.in.gov/ssaci/files/111512_-_Graves_Memo_-_State_aid_vs_Fed_aid_Memo.pdf).

An updated copy of the order of application of aid guidelines, with updated examples of how the changes impact SSACI award-eligible students, can be found in the Information Files section of xGrads. Changes to SSACI's policy on the application of military tuition benefits concerning CVO remission of fees recipients will be reflected in a future update to the CVO guidelines.

Questions regarding changes to the order of application of aid can be directed to the Grants Division by phone at (317) 232-2372 or by email at [CollegeFA@ssaci.in.gov](mailto:CollegeFA@ssaci.in.gov).

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