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Subject: State Aid Program Eligibility Requirements:
Selective Service and Georgia Drug Free Act

Dear Colleague:

The following is information regarding the 2021-2022 (FY 2022) Selective Service and Drug Conviction Requirements for the State Scholarship, Grant and Loan Programs.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) is aware of Federal Student Aid DCL ID: GEN -21-04 and the early implementation of the FASFA Simplification Act which includes the removal of Selective Service and Drug Conviction Requirements for Title IV Eligibility.

However, be advised the removal of the Selective Service and Drug Conviction Requirements for Title IV student aid does **not** change the eligibility requirements of Georgia's state aid programs administered by GSFC. The 2021-2022 State Program Regulation sections for Selective Service and Drug Conviction requirements for FY 2022 (2021-2022) have not changed from the previous year.

Selective Service Registration Requirement

The requirement that male students register with the United States Selective Service before the age of 26 to qualify for state aid programs is part of Georgia State Code O.C.G.A. § 20-3-519.1(b) and Program Regulations.

Drug Conviction Requirement - Georgia Drug-Free Act

A student convicted of committing certain felony offenses involving marijuana, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs, may be ineligible from the date of conviction to the completion of the following school term, in accordance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990, O.C.G.A. §20-1-20, et. seq.

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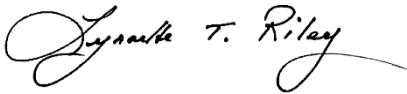
GSFC understands the 2021-2022 FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and ISIR, Institutional Student Information Record, will continue to include the same selective service and drug conviction data. Postsecondary institutions may continue to use the data for state aid eligibility determination. Additionally, the current GSFAPP, Georgia Student Finance Application, will continue to include the same information about selective service and drug conviction.

Upcoming Aid Years

GSFC understands the *FAFSA Simplification Act* will make changes to the FAFSA in upcoming years. We are researching options for managing selective service registration and drug conviction requirements for future aid years. As more information is determined, it will be shared through state training sessions and Dear Colleague Letters.

If you have any questions relating to the regulations or program information, please contact Pennie Strong, Vice President, Program Administration, at 770.724.9014 or pennies@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne T. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lynne Riley