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Subject: State Aid Program Eligibility and Selective Service Requirement

Dear Colleague:

The following contains information regarding the Selective Service Requirement and new procedures effective Summer term 2022 (FY 2023) for State Scholarship, Grant and Loan Programs administered by GSFC and GSFA.

As shared in DCL 2022-02 on June 30, 2021, Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) understands the *FAFSA Simplification Act* removed the Selective Service Requirement for Title IV Eligibility.

However, as we have communicated this past year, Georgia State Code O.C.G.A. § 20-3-519.1(b) requires that male students must register with the United States Selective Service before the age of 26 to qualify for state aid programs. The FY 2023 Program Regulations released May 16, 2022, include an update to the Selective Service eligibility requirement.

In an effort to manage selective service registration for state financial aid programs, GSFC has entered into an agreement with the Selective Service System (SSS). GSFC is submitting data records daily and weekly to SSS to retrieve students' current status with SSS. The registration status information received will be available to students and their postsecondary institution for the purpose of determining state aid eligibility.

Selective Service Registration Procedures

Through the FASFA, GSFAPP and invoice records received, GSFC is identifying male students 18 years of age or older and submitting data records to the SSS to retrieve the registration status.

- Students not submitted to Selective Service System for a registration status:
 - Males born before 01/01/1960
 - Males who have not reached 18 years of age
 - Students listed as female in GSFC's records
 - Students with an approved exemption
- Note: GSFC cannot submit a student's data to SSS for the student to be registered as the FASFA provided in the past.
- Postsecondary Functions (PSF) has two new modules – Student Information and Document Upload. For more information see the Selective Service Requirement & Procedures 1 Pager in GAfutures > Postsecondary Functions > Resources.
 - With the Student Information module PSI professionals with assigned access by their Institutional Administrator, can check a student's Selective Service Status.

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- The Document Upload module allows PSI professionals with assigned access to securely upload documents to GSFC. Currently, only Selective Service documents may be uploaded.
- June 27, 2022, the Application File Process (GAU/GAD) will be reflective of the Selective Service data GSFC has on file from SSS. The GAU/GAD file layout does not change.
- Later this summer, the Selective Service registration statuses will be available for students. They may sign into their secure GAfutures account and check their Student Dashboard.

Selective Service Registration Exemption Request Procedure

PSIs' Financial Aid Offices that have approved a Selective Service exemption for a student during FY 2022, may submit the student documentation to GSFC's Program Administration office through the new PSF Document Upload module. GSFC will update the student's selective service status in our system and the Exemption will display on PSF Student Information.

Male students that did not register with Selective Service before the age of 26, and can no longer register, may request a GSFC Selective Service Exemption for state aid programs.

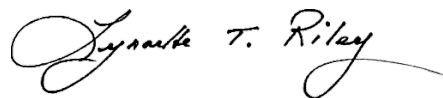
- The Selective Service Exemption Request Form is available on GAfutures > HOPE & State Aid Programs > State Applications & Forms.

Invoice Procedure

Invoices will be checked for Selective Service status in our system. If no registration or exemption status is on file, the male student's info will be submitted to Selective Service for a registration status. If no registration or approved exemption status is on file, the invoice will be rejected.

If you have any questions relating to the Selective Service Requirement and procedures, please contact Pennie Strong, Vice President, Program Administration, at 770.724.9014 or pennies@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,



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