Verification 2018-2019

Verification is a review process in which the office of Student Financial Aid determines the accuracy of various data elements reported by the student/parent on the student's *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). The U.S. Department of Education selects approximately 30% of all aid applicants for verification. The verification process ensures that eligible students receive all the financial aid they are entitled to receive and prevents ineligible students from receiving aid they are not entitled to receive.

Typically, students can expect to receive notification that they have been selected for verification within 10-14 business days after the Office of Student Financial Aid receives the student's FAFSA results from the federal processors.

<u>Important</u>: Please submit all requested forms and supporting documentation **together at the same time**. No processing can take place until **all** documentation is received.

<u>Participation in the verification process is not optional.</u> If the student does not submit the requested documentation, the student will not be eligible to receive federal or institutional need-based financial aid.

Students selected for verification will not be packaged for financial aid until the Financial Aid Office has received all requested required documentation and the verification process has been completed. Depending on the time of the year, the verification review process can take up to 20 business days from the time the Office of Student Financial Aid receives all requested required documents. This process can take longer if additional nonstandard documentation is required.

<u>Important:</u> You have <u>60 days</u> to submit all requested required documentation to the Office of Student Financial Aid as of the date you were notified. Any delay in returning documentation will result in the cancellation of your financial aid package.