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RE: 2012 Summer Aid Implementation

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The 2011 Indiana General Assembly passed IC 21-12-13-4 to provide a grant or reduction in tuition and fees for applicable State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana ("SSACI") programs for up to the equivalent of two (2) regular semesters of courses taken during the summer semester. Programs eligible for summer funding according to statute are included on Page Three of this memorandum.

Funds to be utilized for the 2012 summer award period will come from dollars remaining in the 2011-2012 fiscal year allocation after the final reconciliation of Spring awards. Based on projections of fund utilization, SSACI has determined funding for Summer Sessions *may only* be available for the following programs:

- 1) Minority Teacher/Special Services Scholarship
- 2) Nursing Scholarship
- 3) Part-Time Grant

To determine more accurate projections and calculations of funds available for Summer Aid, SSACI will move several of the currently published 2011-2012 reconciliation processing deadlines, including:

- Minority Teacher/Special Services Scholarship, Nursing Scholarship, and Part-Time Grants schools – **no later than Wednesday, February 29, 2012**
- Higher Education Award ("HEA"), Freedom of Choice ("FOC"), and Twenty-first Century Scholars, and National Guard Scholarship – **no later than Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

Child of Veteran and Public Safety Officer ("CVO") program funds for summer will remain under their current billing schedule of July 2012 - October 2012. Summer funding for CVO historically has been available and is reconciled from the following year's budget.

Summer Aid Guidelines

- The **2011-2012** Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") will be the only accepted version of the FAFSA for calculating a student's summer aid eligibility.
- For summer 2012, the school need only be listed on the student's FAFSA, and not necessarily as the first college choice, for summer reconciliation and billing. This will not create rejections as experienced in previous processing cycles.
- Before May 31, 2012, the **2011-2012** FAFSA must be clean of any edits, verification complete and awards claimed.

- 2011-2012 tuition caps and 2011-2012 previously approved tuition and fee rates will be the *maximum* amount schools can utilize for calculating a student's summer aid eligibility. If a school has reduced its summer tuition and fees for summer 2012, the school also must claim the calculated reduced summer amount from SSACI.
- Schools may bill for summer funds between May 18, 2012 and May 31, 2012. SSACI will process awards twice a week during this timeframe.
- Billed award claims:
 - Semester schools – may bill for summer sessions for a maximum of two full-time summer semesters (or equivalency)
 - Trimester schools – may bill for summer sessions for a maximum of two full-time summer trimesters (or equivalency)
 - Quarter schools – may bill for summer sessions for a maximum of two full-time summer quarters (or equivalency)
- Funds claimed prior to enrollment census/refund period will need to be refunded to SSACI if enrollment for dollars claimed is not met.
- Utilization of funds may be tracked for those colleges who have billed SSACI for the summer session in xGrads and eStudent:
 - Schools can track summer aid claims and payments via xGrads.
 - Students can track summer aid claims via the “Award History” tab in eStudent.

Minority Teacher/Special Services Scholarship

- Minority Teacher/Special Services Scholarship applications will be available on the web for students to complete and submit to the school.
- Schools will select scholarship recipients and claim amounts based upon additional guidance provided once summer funding is known.
- Schools will follow normal procedures for claiming awards via xGrads or FRBI files.

Nursing Scholarship

- Nursing Scholarship applications will be available on the web for students to complete and submit to the school.
- Schools will select scholarship recipients and claim amounts based upon additional guidance provided once summer funding is known.
- Schools will follow normal procedures for claiming awards via xGrads or FRBI files.

Part-Time Grant

- For Part-Time Grant consideration, students must take between 2 and 11 credit hours.
- Schools may claim Part-Time Grant awards via xGrads or an “A” record in a RECN file.

Detailed instructions on 2012 summer aid processing rules will be available in the xGrads Information Files by March 1, 2012. Additionally, SSACI will provide this information via email as soon as it is available.

Our school partners who have questions on this topic should contact the SSACI Grants Division at (317) 232-2372 or via email at CollegeFA@ssaci.in.gov.

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The following programs are eligible in statute for summer funding, if funding is available:

- 1) CVO programs:
 - a. State Trooper permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty (IC 10-12-2-6)
 - b. Child or Spouse of State Trooper permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty (IC 10-2-2-11)
 - c. Child of a POW/MIA of the Vietnam War (IC 10-17-7)
 - d. Child of a Deceased or Disabled Veteran (IC 21-14-4)
 - e. Spouse of Public Safety Officer killed in the line duty (IC 21-14-6-3)
 - f. Child or Spouse of National Guard member killed in the line of duty (IC 21-14-7)
 - g. Child of Purple Heart Recipients (IC21-14-10)
 - h. Child of Public Safety Officer killed in the line of duty (IC 21-14-6-2)
- 2) Higher Education Award (HEA) (IC-21-12-3)
- 3) Freedom of Choice Award (FOC) (IC-21-12-4)
- 4) Part-Time Grant (IC 21-12-8)
- 5) Twenty-first Century Scholarship (IC 21 12 8)
- 6) Insurance Education Scholarship (IC 21-12-9) (not currently funded)
- 7) Minority Teacher/Special Services Scholarship (IC 21-13-2)
- 8) Nursing Scholarship (IC 21-13-3)
- 9) National Guard Scholarship (12-13-4)
- 10) Tuition Exemption Senior Citizen Fund (IC 21-14-5) (not currently funded)