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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.038, 84.033, and 84.007]

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs; Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for institutions to submit a request for a waiver of the allocation reduction for the underuse of funds under the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study (FWS), and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs (known collectively as the campus-based programs).

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to submit a written request for a waiver of the allocation reduction being applied to its Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, or FSEOG allocation for the 2000-2001 award year (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001) because the institution returned more than 10 percent of its allocation for that program for the 1998-1999 award year (July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999).

DATES: *Closing Date and Methods for Submitting a Waiver Request and Supporting Information or Documents.* For an institution that returned more than 10 percent of its Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, or FSEOG allocation for the 1998-1999 award year to be considered for a waiver of the allocation reduction for its 2000-2001 award year allocation, it must request a waiver of the underuse penalty, provide a written explanation of the circumstances that caused the underuse of its allocation, and submit any additional documentation to support the explanation by October 1, 1999.

An institution may request a waiver of the underuse penalty by selecting the "Yes" box in Part II, Section E, Line 8 of its Fiscal Operation Report for 1998-99 and Application to Participate for 2000-2001 (FISAP), and provide a written explanation of the circumstances that caused the underuse of its allocation on the electronic FISAP "Additional Information Screen." This request and explanation must be

transmitted electronically by the established FISAP deadline of October 1, 1999.

In addition, an institution may mail or have hand-delivered any additional documentation that supports its written explanation of the circumstances that caused the underuse of its allocation. The documentation may be included with the FISAP signature page and certification forms. The documentation must be mailed or delivered by hand to one of the addresses indicated in this notice by the established deadline date of October 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: *Supporting Documents Delivered by Mail.* If these documents are delivered by mail, they must be addressed to Electronic FISAP Administrator, c/o Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

An institution must show proof of mailing these documents by October 1, 1999. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If these documents are sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service. An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first-class mail.

Supporting Documents Delivered by Hand. If these documents are delivered by hand, they must be taken to Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Documents that are hand-delivered will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. Documents that are hand-delivered will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on October 1, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under sections 413D(d)(2), 442(d)(2), and 462(i)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, if an institution returns more than 10 percent of its Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, or FSEOG allocation for an award year, the

institution will have its allocation for the second succeeding award year for that program reduced by the dollar amount returned. The Secretary may waive this requirement for a specific institution if the Secretary finds that enforcement of the requirement would be contrary to the interest of the affected campus-based program. The institution must provide a waiver request and any supporting information or documents by the established October 1, 1999 closing date. If the institution submits a waiver request and any supporting information or documents after the closing date, the request will not be considered.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to the campus-based programs:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.
- (2) General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 673.
- (3) Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR Part 674.
- (4) Federal Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR Part 675.
- (5) Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 676.
- (6) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.
- (7) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.
- (8) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.
- (9) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical assistance concerning the waiver request or other operational procedures of the campus-based programs, contact: Ms. Sandra K. Donelson, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, DC 20026-0781. Telephone (202) 708-9751.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.; and 20 U.S.C. 1070b et seq.

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Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs; Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for the submission of the Fiscal Operations Report for 1998-1999 and Application to Participate for 2000-2001 (FISAP) in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Federal Work-Study (FWS) Programs (ED FORM 646-1; OMB No. 1840-0073).

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to apply for fiscal year 2000 funds—for use in the 2000-2001 award year (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001)—under the Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs. Under these programs, the Secretary allocates funds to institutions for students who need financial aid to meet the costs of postsecondary

education. An institution is not required to establish eligibility prior to applying for funds. However, the Secretary will not allocate funds under the Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs for the 2000-2001 award year to any currently ineligible institution unless the institution files its institutional participation application and other documents required for an eligibility and certification determination by the closing date that will appear in a separate notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary further gives notice that an institution that had a Federal Perkins Loan fund or expended FWS or FSEOG funds during the 1998-1999 award year (July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999) is required to submit a Fiscal Operations Report to the Secretary to report its program expenditures as of June 30, 1999.

Applicants that did not participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, FWS Program, or FSEOG Program in the 1998-1999 award year will be required to submit data for the application portion of the FISAP only.

In addition, an institution must complete, sign, and submit one original FISAP signature page and one original combined lobbying, debarment, and drug-free workplace certifications form (ED 80-0013, referred to as the "compliance certifications" form) for the 2000-2001 award year.

The Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs are authorized by parts E and C, and part A, Subpart 3, respectively, of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

DATES: *Closing Date and Methods for Submitting a FISAP and Required Signed Documents.* To ensure consideration for 2000-2001 funds, an institution must submit an electronic FISAP, the FISAP signature page, and the "compliance certifications" form by October 1, 1999.

An institution must submit its FISAP to the Campus-Based contractor via the Department's Title IV Wide Area Network (WAN) using EDConnect. The Title IV WAN enables an institution to receive and transmit FISAP information electronically.

The FISAP electronic data transmission must be completed prior to midnight, Eastern time, on October 1, 1999. (For purposes of this notice, this deadline means that an institution has all of October 1, 1999, to transmit electronically.) In addition, one original completed FISAP signature page and one original signed "compliance certifications" form must be mailed or delivered by hand to the address indicated below by the established deadline date of October 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: *Signature Page and Compliance Certifications Form Delivered by Mail.* If these documents are delivered by mail, they must be addressed to Electronic FISAP Administrator, c/o Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FISAP materials were mailed by the Department in July 1999. An institution must prepare and submit its FISAP in accordance with the information included in the FISAP program information package.

This program information package is intended to aid applicants in applying for assistance under these programs. Nothing in the program information package is intended to impose any paperwork, application content, reporting, or grantee performance requirements beyond those specifically imposed under the statute and regulations governing the programs.