

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs**AGENCY:** Department of Education.**ACTION:** Notice of closing date for the submission of the Fiscal Operations Report for 1997-98 and Application to Participate for 1999-2000 (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 1999 funds—for use in the 1999-2000 award year (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000)—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 1999-2000 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 1997-1998 award year (July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998) is required to submit a Fiscal Operations Report to the Secretary to report its program expenditures as of June 30, 1998.

Applicants that did not participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, FWS Program, or FSEOG Program in the 1997-1998 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 1999-2000 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 1999-2000 funds, an institution must submit an electronic FISAP, the FISAP signature page, and the "compliance certifications" form by October 1, 1998.

An institution must submit its FISAP via the Department's Title IV Wide Area Network (WAN) to the Campus-Based Contractor. 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, 1998. (For purposes of this notice, this deadline means that an institution has all of October 1, 1998, 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 one of the addresses indicated below by the established deadline date of October 1, 1998.

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.

An institution must show proof of mailing these documents by October 1, 1998. 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. *Signature Page and Compliance Certifications Form 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, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FISAP materials were mailed by the Department in July 1998. 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.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to these 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: Ms. Sandra Donelson, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Accounting and Financial Management Service, Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Room 4714, ROB-3),

Washington, D.C. 20202-5458. Telephone (202) 708-9751. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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(**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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