

Policies for the Office of Student Financial Aid

Subject

Unusual Enrollment History (T)

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Beginning in 2013-14, some Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) will be flagged for “unusual enrollment history” by the U. S. Department of Education as a result of the student having received federal Pell Grants at multiple institutions in recent years. Beginning with the 2015-16 award year Federal Loans were included in the review. Flags “2” and “3” require that the current institution review the student’s enrollment history and determine whether or not the student is enrolling only long enough to receive cash refunds of federal student aid.

NOTE: The NSU Financial Aid Office, in the process of reviewing a student’s UEH flag, will check the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) for complete enrollment history (i.e., name of each school attended during the required review period).

How to resolve: All students with UEH flag 3 and some students with UEH flag 2 will be required to provide to NSU their academic transcripts or grade reports from all colleges and universities attended during the review period. If Pell Grants and/or Federal Loans were received and credit hours (passing grades: A - D) were not earned at each institution attended during these award years, the student may be determined ineligible for further federal financial aid. The Financial Aid Office has the authority to require an official academic transcript from any/all colleges attended during the review period if the documents submitted are unclear.

Appealing the ineligibility determination: if a student has been determined by NSU to be ineligible for federal student aid on the basis of (or lack of) documentation, he/she may appeal the determination by contacting the Financial Aid Office.

Regaining federal student aid eligibility: Students whose aid eligibility is denied as a result of their UEH can be re-considered for federal student aid after enrolling for Two academic terms, not dropping or withdrawing from (officially or unofficially) any courses after the term begins, and meeting the College’s standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).