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2013-2014 Institutional Verification

Please read before continuing on to dependency status section of this form (Section B).

Your financial aid application was selected for review in a process called "Verification." In this process, we will compare information from your FAFSA with your (and your spouse's if you are married) 2012 federal tax return transcripts and/or other financial documents. If you are classified as a dependent student for federal financial aid purposes (see below), we will compare your FAFSA to your parent's financial documents.

SECTION A

What you should do now:

- 1. Request and submit your (and your spouse's if you are married) 2012 federal tax return transcript.
- You may request a transcript from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Call 1-800-908-9946 or go to www.irs.gov. Enter your SSN, enter your street address as it appears on your filed tax return, choose "tax return transcript," and enter 2012 for the year requested.
- 3. Request and submit the tax federal tax return transcript (above) for your parent's 2012 federal tax returns if you are classified as a dependent student for federal financial aid purposes (see Dependency Status below).
- 4. Complete both pages of the Institutional Verification Form and sign page 2. Please do not leave any section blank or incomplete. Enter -0- or N/A if the question does not apply.

If there are differences between your application information (FAFSA) and your financial documents, we may need to send corrections electronically to the FAFSA processor. If corrections are sent, you will receive a new Student Aid Report from the federal processor. Please do not make corrections to your FAFSA as this may delay the processing of your financial aid.

Dependency Status for Financial Aid: If you can answer Yes to at least one question below, you are classified as an independent student for federal financial aid purposes and you will be taken to the Institutional Verification Form for independent students. If you answer No to ALL of the following questions, you are considered a dependent student, and you will be taken to the Institutional Verification Form for you and your parents to complete.

Please continue to Section B

SECTION B

Dependency Status for Financial Aid: If you can answer <u>Yes</u> to at least one question below, you are classified as <u>independent</u> for financial aid purposes and you will be taken to the Institutional Verification form for independent students. If you answer <u>No</u> to ALL of the following questions, you are considered dependent, and you will be taken to the Institutional Verification form for you and your parents to complete.

Yes No

- 1. Were you born before January 1, 1990?
- 2. As of today, are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
- 3. At the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc)?
- 4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- 5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- 6. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014?
- 7. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2014?
- 8. At any time since you turned age 13 were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- 9. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- 10. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- 11. At any time on or after July 1, 2012, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- 12. At any time on or after July 1, 2012, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- 13. At any time on or after July 1, 2012, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

I answered No to all the above questions.