VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION POLICY

PURPOSE

To maintain the University’s compliance with Federal verification requirements each year to ensure the accuracy of student financial aid information.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

There is a process for verifying application information and making corrections on a student’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the Department of Education’s Central Processing System (CPS). The regulations in 34 CFR Part 668 Subpart E govern institutional verification of information submitted by applicants for federal student financial assistance.

In accordance with the provisions of Subpart E, LIU has established verification procedures that address the following:

• the time period within which an applicant must provide any documentation requested by the University
• the consequences of an applicant’s failure to provide the requested documentation within the specified time period
• the method by which the University notifies an applicant of the results of its verification if, as a result of verification, the applicant’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC) changes and results in a change in the amount of the applicant’s assistance under the Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) programs;
• the procedures the University will follow or the procedures the University will require an applicant to follow to correct FAFSA information determined to be in error; and
• the procedures the University will follow for making referrals to the Office of Inspector General.

Institutional Responsibility: The University must require an applicant whose FAFSA information is selected for verification to submit supporting documentation to verify specified data elements of the FAFSA, unless the applicant qualifies for a federal exclusion.

Applicant Responsibility: If the University requests documents or information from an applicant under this Subpart E, the applicant must provide the specified documents or information.

PROCEDURES

For Standard Operating Procedures and procedural expectations associated with this Policy, refer to:

Long Island University Standard Operating Procedure- Verification of Financial Aid Information (SOP LIU-F-S-1005)

POLICY TYPE: STUDENT AFFAIRS