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MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Aid Directors
FROM: Timothy A. Connell 
SUBJECT: New Checks for HOPE Awards
DATE: December 20, 2005

The new edit checks for awards submitted through the HOPE invoicing system are now complete. These edits went "live" Monday, December 19, 2005. Invoices for awards submitted after that date exceeding the amounts in the rate tables for tuition, fees or books will be rejected.

Amounts for tuition and fees will be checked against rate tables designed to capture the "normal" undergraduate rates for the hours taken by a student as well as "exceptions" to these rates. Exceptions include:

1. Awards that reflect programs of study with higher than standard tuition;
2. Awards for fees at rates higher than the standard campus fees because the student is attending a different campus than the home campus; and
3. Awards paid for distance learning and mixed distance learning and regular rates.

As you know, codes that indicate other campuses and programs of study have been developed by the colleges and have been incorporated into the edit checks.

The program of study information will also be used to identify programs that require more than the 127 semester hours for a degree under the scholarship and more than 95 quarter hours for diplomas under the grant. Hours taken in a term by the student will determine the book award edit - full book awards for six hours or more and one-half a book award for five hours or fewer.

As a guide to the effects of the new edits, a sample of award invoices from the Fall term that would have been rejected had the edits been "live" at the time of their submission will be sent to each institution, unless the institution had no award invoices exceeding the rate tables during this time period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. The new edits in the invoicing system will improve the quality of the data in our scholarship database and will allow for more exact budgeting and planning in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Lahl at BobL@gsfc.org or 770-724-9058.

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