



Students and parents who willfully submit false information for the purposes of obtaining financial aid for which the student is not eligible will be investigated. All cases of financial aid fraud and abuse will be reported to the proper authorities. Examples of fraud may include, and are not limited to:

- Falsified documents or forged signatures on an application, verification documents, or loan promissory notes
- False statements of income
- False statements of citizenship
- Use of false or fictitious names or aliases, addresses, or social security number, including the deliberate use of multiple social security numbers
- False claims of independent status
- Patterns of misreported information from one year to the next

#### **Procedure**

University personnel must report all cases in which intentional misrepresentation, false statement/s, or alteration of documents is suspected to the office of financial aid. The office will review the student's documentation. If more information is needed and/or the documentation warrants denying or cancelling financial aid, the office will request a meeting with the involved student within a specified period of time. If the student does not meet with the office accordingly, they may:

1. Delay the financial aid application until the matter is resolved satisfactorily.
2. Deny award or cancel financial aid.
3. Refer the matter for institutional or external review.

If the office of financial aid and student are unable to resolve the issue, and fraud is still suspected, the matter will be referred to the university's legal counsel or, if appropriate, the office may contact Department of Education Office of the Inspector General (OIG) directly.

**Related Policies:**     [Policy 1218 Academic Standing and Satisfactory Academic Progress](#)

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