

## **520-80 FINANCIAL AID FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE—PROCEDURE**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The Office of Student Financial Aid works cooperatively with all other College offices and external entities to protect the integrity of Federal student aid programs from fraud, abuse and waste.

### **2. PROCEDURE**

1. The Office of Student Financial Aid coordinates comprehensive internal controls to detect fraud, waste and abuse of Federal student aid programs.
2. Employees of the College who believe students are involved in possible financial aid fraud, waste or abuse will report this information to the Office of Student Financial Aid for investigation. The Office of Student Financial Aid will report their findings to the reporting party to ensure continuous quality improvement.
3. Employees of the College will not intentionally guide students on how to abuse financial aid.
4. Students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses and from areas anomalous to the locations of typical CCC students may be required to provide supplemental information to the Office of Student Financial Aid as allowed by the Department of Education.
5. CCC may run Internet Protocol (IP) address searches to identify students involved in possible fraud rings.
6. CCC may query student data for trends including but not limited to related phone numbers, email addresses and physical addresses in order to detect fraud rings and straw students.
7. Office of Student Financial Aid administrators may question a student's intent for applying for financial aid and require that a student demonstrate that they have academic purpose in attending college.
8. Disbursement of Financial Aid may be delayed beyond advertised disbursement dates for students:
  - a. Who appear to reside in a geographic location that is anomalous to the locations of typical CCC students
  - b. Who are enrolled entirely in distance learning courses
  - c. Who have any discrepancies or conflicting information that CCC receives from different sources
9. The Financial Aid Director or designee may report any cases of suspected fraud or abuse to the Office of Inspector General or to [FraudTaskForce@ed.gov](mailto:FraudTaskForce@ed.gov).

### **3. BACKGROUND**

1. References: Department of Education Urgent Call to Action Dear Colleague Letter GEN 11-17 October 20, 2011. 34 CFR 668.16(f), 34 CFR 668.16(g), 34 CFR 668.53
2. Revision history: 01/25/2012 (new)
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