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MEMORANDUM

OSFA-STATE: #23-24:16

TO: Independent Postsecondary Institutions

Participating in State Student Financial Assistance Programs

FROM: Janine Knight, Financial Director

Office of Student Financial Assistance

DATE: November 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Program Compliance Audit for State Student Financial Assistance Programs for the

2022-23 Fiscal Year - Due March 31, 2024

Postsecondary institutions that participated in and disbursed state scholarship and grant funds are required to comply with the Program Compliance Audit for State Student Financial Assistance Programs for the 2022-23fiscal year. Audit compliance is mandated under:

- Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, Florida Single Audit Act;
- Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General; and
- Chapter 6A-20.0021, Rules of the State Board of Education.

Guidance for Program Compliance Audits can be found on the Florida Student Scholarship and Grant Program website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org; under Statutes and Rules, select Postsecondary Compliance Audits. The Reconciliation Report Request Form can be found under Forms and Instructions.

Please forward this memorandum and attachment to the firm you have engaged to perform your audit.

Florida statutes and rules require annual and biennial audits for all state student financial assistance programs. These audit reports shall include an examination of the institution's administration and accounting of the moneys for the program since the last examination.

Suzanne Pridgeon
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

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Audit report submission schedule:

| Funding Type | Report | Report Requirements |
|----------------------------|------------|---|
| | Submission | |
| Bright Futures Scholarship | Annual | Bright Futures Scholarship Program funds are greater than |
| Program Funds | | (>) \$100,000. |
| Bright Futures Scholarship | Annual | Total State Student Financial Assistance is greater than (>) |
| Program Funds and other | | \$750,000. This is the combined total for all state funding and |
| State Programs Funds | | can include Bright Futures Scholarship Program funds. |
| Bright Futures Scholarship | Biennial | Bright Futures Scholarship Program funds that are less than |
| Program Funds | | (<) \$100,000. |
| State Programs Funds | Biennial | Total Student Financial Assistance is less than (<) \$750,000 |
| | | and Bright Futures Scholarship Program funds are less than |
| | | (<) \$100,000. |

The State Board of Education rules governing these programs require institutions to comply with the state mandated rules, with the exception of the submission of financial statements and notes.

Audit report guidelines

- Submit **two** copies of the audit to the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), by **March 31, 2024**. These rules do not authorize OSFA to extend the deadline.
- Present audit findings, recommendations, and questioned costs, as well as the summary of population, sample tested, and test results obtained for **each** program audited.
- Provide a response to the findings from the management of the institution as an attachment to the audit.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Norton at <u>Sabrina.Norton1@fldoe.org</u> or 850-245-9060. Our mailing address is:

Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance Attention: Sabrina Norton 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 934 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

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Attachment

cc: Lou Anne Standley, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Sabrina Norton, Educational Policy Analyst