Scholarship Seminar
Panel Presentation

August 6, 2010
Agenda

9:45 – 10:05: Federal Financial Aid Regulations
    Roy Durnal and Alison Baum

10:05 – 10:25: IUB Aid Processing Policies
    Rozzie Gerstman and Susan McCammon

10:25 – 10:45: Overseas Study and Aid
    Kathleen Sideli

10:45 – 11:05: Role of the IUB Office of Scholarships
    Ron McFall

11:05 – 11:25: IUB Departmental Aid Processing Best Practices
    Missty Warren and Cathy Kammer

11:25 – 12:00: Questions/Discussion
Discussion Topics

- Financial Aid Definition
- Estimated Financial Assistance (EFA)
- Packaging/Awarding Aid
- Prevention of Overawards
Financial Aid Definition

Financial support (including scholarships, grants, loans, and employment) provided to help meet postsecondary student educational expenses.
## Financial Aid Definition

### Types of Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- Employment

### Sources of Financial Aid
- University
- Federal
- State
- Private
Estimated Financial Assistance


Further information pertaining to Estimated Financial Assistance can be found in the Higher Education Act: Sec. 428(a)(2)(C)(ii).
Estimated Financial Assistance

How to determine if an award should be considered income or EFA:

1. Determine the components of the aid.
2. Determine whether the aid (or each component) is treated as employment.
3. Determine whether the aid to cover an institutional charge (e.g. a waiver) is a reduction of the COA or an offset to the student’s need.
4. Establish institutional definitions for types of aid for which there are no standard definitions.

“Once the terms are defined [i.e. types of aid are determined to be EFA], everyone at the school must agree to use the definitions and must use them consistently. Otherwise, the school’s ability to comply with Title IV packaging and overaward requirements will be compromised.”

Synopsis of Overawards and Overpayments Webinar information presented by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators on June 9, 2010.
Estimated Financial Assistance

EFA includes:

• Federal Student Aid Programs
• Grants
• Scholarships/Fellowships
• Fee Remissions
• Sponsorships
• Need-based Employment

EFA does NOT include:

• Earnings from Non-Need-Based Employment
• Federal Veterans’ Education Benefits

For a more detailed list of applicable EFA, see the 2009-10 Federal Student Aid Handbook, Volume 3, Chapter 8.
Packaging/Awarding Aid

• Students are packaged (according to eligibility) first with scholarships/grants (gift aid) and then with work study/loans (self-help).

• Many students are left with a “gap” between their financial need and their financial aid. To fill the gap, students must:
  • Use out of pocket funds/savings.
  • Parent may pursue a loan (credit check).
  • Pursue a private student loan (credit check).
Packaging/Awarding Aid

• Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Students complete FAFSA application each year
  - FAFSA consists of approximately 100 questions regarding student and his/her family
  - Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA application by March 1st prior to the beginning of the next academic year
Packaging/Awarding Aid

- Cost of attendance is the first step in determining financial need.
- The cost of attendance includes educational costs as specified by law (Higher Education Act, Sec. 472).
- These educational costs are determined for a specific enrollment period (fall/spring).
  - tuition & fees
  - room & board
  - books and supplies
  - transportation
  - personal
Packaging/Awarding Aid

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Determined by federal methodology formula as determined in Part F of the Higher Education Act.
- EFC is calculated using data elements from the FAFSA for that academic year.
- EFC is recalculated every new academic year using new FAFSA data.
Packaging/Awarding Aid

• Financial Need
• Calculated for a specific enrollment period using COA and EFC.

\[ \text{COA} - \text{EFC} \]

Financial Need
Packaging/Awarding Aid

Limits and restrictions to awards:

• Need-based aid recipients are not eligible to receive aid in excess of COA.
• Need-based aid recipients are not eligible to receive need-based aid in excess of financial need.
• Program minimums and maximums apply to eligibility.
• Partner/companion programs
• Specific applications deadlines determine eligibility.
• Aid only applies to specific costs.
• Donor intent determines eligibility for gift aid and self-help aid.
Prevention of Overawards

Definition: If, **at any time during the award period**, the student receives additional Estimated Financial Assistance[*] that was not considered in calculating the student's eligibility for Campus-Based and/or ACG/SMART aid and if the Estimate Financial Assistance combined with the expected financial aid will exceed the student’s need, the amount in excess of the student’s need is considered an overaward. –*from 2009-10 Federal Student Aid Handbook, Volume 3, Chapter 8.*

*EFA must be accounted for “whether the aid is awarded by the school or an individual or organization outside the school.” –*from 2009-10 Federal Student Aid Handbook, Volume 5, Chapter 1.*
Prevention of Overawards

- Occur when a student’s financial aid package exceeds the student’s need.

- Occur primarily when awards are made after Federal aid has been awarded, or even disbursed.

- Occur when the student’s circumstances change after Federal aid has been awarded.
Prevention of Overawards

IU Prevention Strategies

- Enter awards in a timely manner
- Anticipate awards
- Always award through the SIS
- Adjust federal financial aid (the OSFA only)
- Full disclosure of awarding process to students
- Communication

For more information on this topic, please visit the OSFA Scholarship Processing Intranet.
Resources

- Bloomington OSFA Scholarship Processing Intranet
  http://www.iub.edu/~sfa/types/scholarships_processing.html
- Bloomington OSFA Website
  http://www.iub.edu/~sfa/index.html
- Federal Student Aid Handbook
  http://ifap.ed.gov/ifap/byAwardYear.jsp?type=fsahandbook&awardyear=2009-2010
- National Association of Financial Aid Administrators
  http://nasfaa.org/Home.asp
- U.S. Department of Education
  http://ifap.ed.gov/ifap/byAwardYear.jsp?type=fsahandbook&awardyear=2009-2010
Overseas Study and Aid
Panel Presentation

Kathleen Sideli
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Study Abroad Facts

• 25% of IUB undergraduates study abroad
• Over 2,000 IUB students study abroad annually
• 66% take financial assistance (over $8M in 2008-09)
• IU offers 200 programs
  100 through Overseas Study (OVST)
  100 through departments/schools/campuses
• Over 400 IUB students participate in external programs
Overseas Study and Aid

OVST ensures to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) that programs have been vetted by Overseas Study Advisory Council and the students

- Are in good academic standing
- Are qualified for the program
- Have an academic rationale for participating
- Are enrolled full-time abroad
Overseas Study and Aid

Tracking is thorough

- Special course numbers
- Lists to OSFA of program budgets to determine COA
- Lists to Bursar of program fees
Overseas Study and Aid

Oversight is thorough

• Reporting structure required by Overseas Study Advisory Council
• Individual assessment of credits and grades earned per student
• Follow up for non-compliance (details reported to OSFA)
Categories of Programs

- Administered
- Co-sponsored
- Department/Unit
- Non-IU Programs
Categories of Programs

Administered
• Registered in OVST
• Most aid applies (except work study)

Co-sponsored
• Registered in OVST
• Much aid applies except fee-remissions and some state aid
Categories of Programs

Department/Unit Specific (DEPT registration)
• Budgets for program expenses submitted to OSFA through OVST

Non-IU Programs:
• OVST Y496 0-credit registration, Federal Aid requires consortium agreement with budget
• OVST Y498: 0-credit registration, Institutional Aid only requires written agreement
IUB Office of Scholarships
Panel Presentation

Ron McFall
August 6, 2010
Office Profile

• Started in July 2007
• Located in Franklin Hall 232
• Office of Enrollment Management
• Six full time staff members

scholarships.indiana.edu
Role of the Office

- OEM scholarship administration
- Unique model – separate from OSFA
- Focus on marketing and recruitment of scholarship-eligible students
- Collaborate with campus partners on scholarship programs and initiatives
- Provide a “front door” for scholarship information
- Ensure strategic and timely scholarship awarding both internally and externally
Scholarship Merit Aid

- Focus primarily on merit scholarships
- Heavy emphasis on first year students
- Combination of prestige and funding to increase yield of high ability students
- Work collaboratively with OSFA, Office of Admissions, and campus to provide aid package
- Market additional merit scholarship opportunities
Key Programs

• Automatic Academic Scholarships
  Over 10,000 awards offered annually
  Public criteria for recruitment purposes
  November 1 deadline for 2010-11
  Visit web for full award details

• Endowed scholarships
  Over 100 accounts
  Strategy and donor compliance
  Revised process for recruitment impact
Key Programs

- Selective Scholarship Application
  Hutton Honors, Kelley, College, etc.
  Online application and awarding interface
  Over 4,000 unique apps in first year
- Herbert Presidential Scholars
  Average package of $15,000
- Cox Scholars Program
  Hard-working Hoosier students
- National Merit Scholarships
Processing and Key Dates

• Automatic Academic Scholarships
  Complete admission application by November 1
• Rolling award notification
• Scholarships loaded by March 1
  Recruitment impact, packaging implications
• Consolidated Award Letter
  • Non-FAFSA, scholarship recipients
• Ongoing communication with OSFA and campus scholarship programs
For Additional Scholarship Information

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Thank you.

QUESTIONS?