

Off. of Postsecondary Educ., Education

§ 676.8

- 676.9 Student eligibility.
- 676.10 Selection of students for FSEOG awards.
- 676.11–676.15 [Reserved]
- 676.16 Payment of an FSEOG.
- 676.17 [Reserved]
- 676.18 Use of funds.
- 676.19 Fiscal procedures and records.
- 676.20 Minimum and maximum FSEOG awards.
- 676.21 FSEOG Federal share limitations.

AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C. 1070b—1070b-3, unless otherwise noted.

SOURCE: 52 FR 45778, Dec. 1, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

§ 676.1 Purpose and identification of common provisions.

(a) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program awards grants to financially needy students attending institutions of higher education to help them pay their educational costs.

*(b) Provisions in these regulations that are common to all campus-based programs are identified with an asterisk.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070b)

[52 FR 45778, Dec. 1, 1987, as amended at 59 FR 61420, Nov. 30, 1994]

§ 676.2 Definitions.

(a) The definitions of the following terms used in this part are set forth in subpart A of the Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668:

- Academic year
- Award year
- Clock hour
- Enrolled
- Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)
- Federal Pell Grant Program
- Federal Perkins Loan Program
- Federal PLUS Program
- Federal SLS Program
- Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program
- Full-time student
- HEA
- Payment period
- Secretary

(b) The Secretary defines other terms used in this part as follows:

**Expected family contribution (EFC):* The amount a student and his or her spouse and family are expected to pay

toward the student's cost of attendance.

**Financial need:* The difference between a student's cost of attendance and his or her EFC.

**Institution of higher education (institution):* A public or private nonprofit institution of higher education, a proprietary institution of higher education, or a postsecondary vocational institution.

**Need-based employment:* Employment provided by an institution itself or by another entity to a student who has demonstrated to the institution or the entity (through standards or methods it establishes) a financial need for the earnings from that employment for the purpose of defraying educational costs of attendance for the award year for which the employment is provided.

Undergraduate student: A student enrolled in an undergraduate course of study at an institution of higher education who—

(1) Has not earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree; and

(2) Is in an undergraduate course of study which usually does not exceed 4 academic years, or is enrolled in a 4 to 5 academic year program designed to lead to a first degree. A student enrolled in a program of any other length is considered an undergraduate student for only the first 4 academic years of that program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087aa-1087ii)

[52 FR 45778, Dec. 1, 1987, as amended at 53 FR 52582, Dec. 28, 1988; 57 FR 32357, July 21, 1992; 59 FR 61421, Nov. 30, 1994; 60 FR 61815, Dec. 1, 1995; 61 FR 60608, Nov. 29, 1996]

§§ 676.3–676.7 [Reserved]

§ 676.8 Program participation agreement.

To participate in the FSEOG program, an institution shall enter into a participation agreement with the Secretary. The participation agreement provides, among other things, that the institution shall—

(a) Use the funds it receives solely for the purposes specified in this part; and

§ 676.9

(b) Administer the FSEOG program in accordance with the HEA, the provisions of this part, and the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations, 34 CFR part 668.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*, and 1094)

[52 FR 45778, Dec. 1, 1987, as amended at 59 FR 61421, Nov. 30, 1994]

§ 676.9 Student eligibility.

A student at an institution of higher education is eligible to receive an FSEOG for an award year if the student—

(a) Meets the relevant eligibility requirements contained in 34 CFR 668.32;

(b) Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate student at the institution; and

(c) Has financial need as determined in accordance with part F of title IV of the HEA. A member of a religious order (an order, community, society, agency, or organization) who is pursuing a course of study at an institution of higher education is considered to have no financial need if that religious order—

(1) Has as its primary objective the promotion of ideals and beliefs regarding a Supreme Being;

(2) Requires its members to forego monetary or other support substantially beyond the support it provides; and

(3) Directs the member to pursue the course of study or provides subsistence support to its members.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070b-1, 1070b-2 and 1091)

[52 FR 45778, Dec. 1, 1987, as amended at 59 FR 61421, Nov. 30, 1994; 62 FR 50848, Sept. 26, 1997]

§ 676.10 Selection of students for FSEOG awards.

(a)(1) In selecting among eligible students for FSEOG awards in each award year, an institution shall select those students with the lowest expected family contributions who will also receive Federal Pell Grants in that year.

(2) If the institution has FSEOG funds remaining after giving FSEOG awards to all the Federal Pell Grant recipients at the institution, the institution shall award the remaining FSEOG funds to those eligible students with

34 CFR Ch. VI (7-1-03 Edition)

the lowest expected family contributions who will not receive Federal Pell Grants.

(b) *Part-time and independent students.* If an institution's allocation of FSEOG funds is directly or indirectly based in part on the financial need demonstrated by students attending the institution as less-than-full-time or independent students, a reasonable portion of the allocation must be offered to those students.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070b-2)

[52 FR 45778, Dec. 1, 1987, as amended at 59 FR 61420, 61421, Nov. 30, 1994; 64 FR 58294, Oct. 28, 1999]

§§ 676.11-676.15 [Reserved]

§ 676.16 Payment of an FSEOG.

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (e) of this section, an institution shall pay in each payment period a portion of an FSEOG awarded for a full academic year.

(2) The institution shall determine the amount paid each payment period by the following fraction:

$$\frac{\text{FSEOG}}{N}$$

where:

FSEOG=the total FSEOG awarded for an academic year and N=the number of payment periods that the institution expects the student will attend in that year.

(3) An institution may pay the student, within each payment period, at such times and in such amounts as it determines best meets the student's needs.

(b) If a student incurs uneven cost or resources during an academic year and needs additional funds in a particular payment period, the institution may pay FSEOG funds to the student for those uneven costs.

(c) An institution shall disburse funds to a student or the student's account in accordance with the provisions in § 668.164.

(d)(1) The institution shall return to the FSEOG account any funds paid to a student who, before the first day of classes—

(i) Officially or unofficially withdraws; or

(ii) Is expelled.