General Student Eligibility Requirements for Title IV Federal Aid

Summary/Purpose: General student eligibility requirements for Title IV federal aid.

A student must meet certain eligibility criteria to receive financial aid. The following list is not exhaustive. Although each type of financial aid has requirements, there are general conditions that must be met to receive Federal Title IV aid.

Basic student eligibility requirements

- Must be enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program
- Cannot also be enrolled in elementary or secondary school
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent, passed an approved ability-to benefit test, or been home-schooled
- Must make satisfactory academic progress
- Must meet enrollment status requirements
- Must have resolved any drug conviction issue
- Must not be currently incarcerated
- Must be confirmed as a U.S. citizen through the Social Security Administration (SSA) database, OR be approved as a U.S. permanent resident or other eligible non-citizen through a match with Department of Homeland Security records
- Cannot be in default on an Federal Student Aid (FSA) loan or owe an overpayment on an FSA grant (for a parent to receive a PLUS Loan, neither the parent nor the student may be in default or owe an overpayment on an FSA loan or grant, although a parent in default on a PLUS loan does not make a student ineligible for aid)
- Must have a valid Social Security Number with a name and date of birth that matches information in the SSA database
- Must be registered with Selective Service if required to do so by law