



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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POLICY NO. FD-046: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

SUBJECT: FDPIR - Student Financial Assistance

In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1087uu, student financial assistance received under Title IV of the Higher Education Act is excluded as income and as a resource for the purposes of determining eligibility under FDPIR.

Programs that provide student assistance authorized under Title IV include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Federal Perkins Loan Program
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program
 - Direct PLUS and FFEL PLUS Loan Programs
 - Direct and FFEL Stafford Loan Programs
 - Direct and FFEL Consolidation Loan Programs
- Federal Work-study Programs (Note: Some Federal work-study programs are not authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act.)
- Academic Achievement Incentive Scholarship Program
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program
- Federal Pell Grant Program
- Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership Program
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program
- College Assistance Migrant Program
- Migrant Education – High School Equivalency Program
- Model Program Community Partnerships and Counseling Grants
- National Student Savings Demonstration Program

Section 1087uu also excludes, as income and as a resource, funds received under Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) student assistance programs. BIA provides student assistance through several education and training programs including:

- Higher Education Grant Program
- Indian Graduate Student Scholarship Program
- Adult Education Program
- Employment Assistance
- Indian Child and Family Programs

Indian Tribal Organizations and State agencies should contact their local BIA agency to determine whether all or part of the funding provided under a BIA education or training program is considered “student assistance” under BIA criteria. If so, the amount of funds considered student assistance by BIA would qualify for the income/resource exclusion under FDPIR.

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