

Unusual Enrollment History (UEH) flags: Beginning in 2013-14, some Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) will be flagged for “unusual enrollment history” by the U. S. Department of Education as a result of the student having received federal Pell Grants at multiple institutions in recent years. Flags “2” and “3” require that the current institution review the student’s enrollment history and determine whether or not the student is enrolling only long enough to receive cash refunds of federal student aid.

NOTE: TAMIU’s Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA), in the process of reviewing a student’s UEH flag, will check the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) for complete enrollment history (i.e., name of each school attended during the 2010-11, 2011-2, and 201-13 academic years – the review period – and dates of attendance).

How to resolve: All students with UEH flag 3 and some students with UEH flag 2 will be required to provide to the OSFA their academic transcripts or grade reports from all colleges and universities attended during the review period. If Pell Grants were received and credit hours were not earned (passing grades: A - D) at each institution attended during these award years, the student may be determined ineligible for further federal financial aid. The Office of Student Financial Aid has the authority to require an official academic transcript from any and all colleges attended during the review period if the documents you submit are unclear.

- *If your Student Aid Report (SAR) includes UEH flag 3, please complete the [Unusual Enrollment History Form](#) and submit to the Office of Student Financial Aid along with all required documentation.*
- *If your SAR includes UEH flag 2, the Office of Student Financial Aid will notify you if you will be required to complete the Unusual Enrollment History Review form.*

Appealing the ineligibility determination: if a student has been determined by the OSFA to be ineligible for federal student aid on the basis of (or lack of) documentation, he/she may appeal the determination by contacting our office.

Annual, Aggregate, and Lifetime Limits and Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements:

- Federal Pell Grants may be received for up to twelve (12) full-time semesters. (Pell Grants received for part-time attendance are pro-rated against the 12 full-time semesters.)
- There are annual and aggregate borrowing limits on Federal Direct Loans.
- All students are subject to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, which measure students’ progress toward program completion. Components of SAP are a minimum GPA, minimum completion rate, and maximum time frame. For complete SAP details, please [click here](#).

To help students achieve academic success before exhausting federal financial aid limits, the OSFA strongly advises students to seek academic advising when planning their course schedules and throughout their college experience. When facing academic difficulties, students are encouraged to seek tutoring and other support services through their advisor.