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FIRST VOUCHER FOR 1415 – AUGUST 12, 2014

The first voucher for 14-15 was Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

INCREASE IN EFC FIELD

The increase in the EFC field size from five to six bytes on the ISIR layout has caused significant issues with HEAB's award calculations for the 2014-15 academic year. To correct the issue, HEAB will be utilizing the full 6 bytes in the EFC field that appears on the notification list.

Some schools may need to update their software to accommodate the additional byte of data in the EFC field – HEAB will be placing TWO notification lists in each school's folder to accommodate this change. The only difference between the lists is that one list will show the full 6-byte EFC and the other list will show a truncated 5-byte EFC. The list with the 6-byte EFC's will end in _VER6 and the list with the 5-byte EFCs will end in _VER5.

e.g.: notif_###_1415_ver6_20140730.txt and notif_###_1415_ver5_20140730.txt

When your school is able to load the notification list with the 6-byte EFC field, please notify Cindy (UW and Technical Colleges) or Deanna (Tribal and Private Non-Profit). When all schools are able to utilize the notification list with the 6-byte EFCs, the 5-byte EFC list will no longer be provided. Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve this issue.

Social Security Numbers

Beginning with the 13-14 academic year, HEAB loaded only those ISIR's with a perfect SSA match flag of "4" in order to reduce the SSN problems of the last few years. We are continuing this process for the 14-15 academic year. Though we are trying to keep our records from being overwritten this problem can still occur.

We would like to recommend that students who have filed with an **incorrect SSN re-file** under their correct social security number and **NOT** make a correction to the existing record in order to prevent this problem.

Covenant Grant Program Update

Please review your 14-15 notification lists to make sure that you have added the Covenant grant to eligible students' financial aid packages. Also, please check any transfer students that may be eligible.

New Webmaster

HEAB has hired a webmaster and her name is Jessica Kriplean. She will be updating the website and also assisting with database improvements. We are very happy to have this position filled and look forward to working with her. Her contact information: jessica.kriplean@wisconsin.gov .

NOTIFICATION LIST 1415

Distributed Wednesday afternoons:

August 6, 13, 20 and 27.

September 3, 10, 17, and 24.

AES LIST

Thursdays: August 28

Please look for the schedule online at: <http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html>

VOUCHER PROCESSING

Tuesdays and Fridays for files uploaded by noon

August 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, and 29.

September 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, and 30.

Please check our Webpage for current Notification List and Voucher Processing Schedules.

<http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html>

14 – 15 GRANTS UPDATES – COMMITTED 8/26/14

	<u>Current</u>	<u>This Time Last Year</u>
<u>Wisconsin Grant - PNP (W codes 07/18/2014)</u>		
Committed	152.63%	143.78%
Spent	12.74%	18.51%
<u>Wisconsin Grant - TR (W codes 07/18/2014)</u>		
Committed	174.81%	153.72%
Spent	0 %	0%
<u>Wisconsin Grant - UW</u>		
Committed	127.77%	135.89%
Spent	28.15%	31.48%
<u>Wisconsin Grant - TC (W codes 6/5/14)</u>		
Committed	191.31%	176.78%
Spent	12.20%	13.25%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scheduled HEAB Board Meetings: October 24, 2014

HEAB Training Date: September 18

HEAB conducts one-day training programs for new and continuing financial aid administrators. The training session covers all aspects of the programs administered by HEAB, including:

Goals of State Aid; *Eligibility for State Aid*; The Notification List; *The Voucher Process*; Return of State Funds; *Submitting and Receiving Data to/from HEAB*; Overviews of the Individual HEAB Programs

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends no later than 3:00 p.m. It is held at the HEAB offices at 131 W. Wilson St, Suite 902, Madison, WI. We have room for up to 6 people at each session. Please let us know if you are coming to training as materials are printed based on the number of people attending. To register for a session or for more information, please contact Nancy Wilkison at (608) 267-2213 or email her at nancy.wilkison@wi.gov.

Please contact me by phone at (608) 264-6181 or by email at john.reinemann@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Thank you!