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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: Summer 1 (Header) Awarding for 2024-25 Academic Year

We have received inquiries regarding awarding options for colleges that operate Summer 2024 as the first term of their 2024-25 academic year.

The 2024-25 WCG/CBS award charts and Median Family Income charts are currently available under the FAA resources tab on our website at: wsac.wa.gov/faa-resources. Colleges may make summer header awards using these charts.

Due to the ongoing delays with software systems, and data integrity with FAFSA data being sent to colleges, there are a few options for you to consider for purposes of awarding state aid for Summer 2024 (aka summer header) aid:

- Award WASFA students – the ISIR and income information is available in the WSAC portal.
- Use your raw 2024-25 Federal ISIR data provided via your SAIG mailbox to determine MFI.
- Use 2023-24 FAFSA data to do initial awards; review once 24-25 is functional.
- Collect 2022 income information for student/parents (if applicable) to calculate MFI.
- Utilize WCGC eligibility checker for the following eligible programs:
 - Aged, Blind, or Disabled assistance benefits (ABD)
 - Essential Needs and Housing support program (HEN)
 - Pregnant Women Assistance program (PWA)
 - Economic Security For All (EcSA)

If you elect to use any of the options above to award for Summer with estimates for the remainder of their academic year, once your systems are functional, you will want to review awards. When ISIRs are reprocessed by the US Department of Education and the IT solutions are in place, colleges will need to review their awards and make adjustments to subsequent terms to prevent over awards if necessary.