

Misrepresentation/Fraud

There are difficult situations where students and/or parents purposefully misrepresent information in hopes of obtaining additional assistance. The Office of Financial Aid is required to have a policy of referral when confronted with actual or suspected cases of fraud and abuse.

Policy for Fraud

Students and parents who willfully submit fraudulent information will be investigated to the furthest extent possible. All cases of fraud and abuse will be reported to the proper authorities. Types of fraudulent behavior include, but are not limited to: falsified documents, forged signatures, false statements of income or citizenship, and use of false/fictitious name, address, or social security number.

Procedures for Fraud

If evidence suggests intentional misrepresentation, false statements, or alteration of documents which have resulted or could result in the awarding or disbursement of funds for which the student is not eligible, the case shall be referred to the Dean of Students.

If it is determined by the institution that further action is necessary, the student will be contacted to arrange an investigative meeting. Following investigation, if the Dean believes there is a fraudulent situation all information must be forwarded to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education by calling 202.755.2270 or 800.MIS.USED.