Unusual Enrollment History

Beginning with the 2013-2014 award year, the U.S. Department of Education established new regulations to prevent fraud and abuse in the Federal Pell Grant Program by identifying students with unusual enrollment histories. Some students who have an unusual enrollment history have legitimate reasons for their enrollment at multiple institutions. However, such an enrollment history requires a review to determine whether there are valid reasons for the unusual enrollment history. This must be resolved before you will receive financial aid.

Students may also be selected for this process because they received a Federal Pell Grant the last three years, but did not successfully complete the number of units for which the Federal Pell Grant was provided.

To clear this issue, you must have all your previous units from all prior colleges attended evaluated by our Admissions and Records Department. You will not be eligible for financial aid until this process has occurred.

Follow the following steps:

1. Review the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at http://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/ for prior schools attended. You must have your PIN.

2. Order Official Transcripts from your prior colleges.

3. Take the Official Transcripts to Admission and Records for evaluation. You will need to complete a Transfer Credit Request Form to have your units posted at Sierra College.


5. Make an appointment with your academic counselor to complete a comprehensive Student Education Plan.

6. Submit your Student Education Plan to the Financial Aid Office to assist with determining the next steps.

Thank you,
Financial Aid Department