Federal Verification

Claremont Graduate University has the following Federal Verification policies and procedures in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations §668.53(a) that verifies an applicant's FAFSA information. Verification is required for most Federal Student Aid programs with the exception of those receiving only Federal Direct Unsubsidized, Federal Grad PLUS loans, and/or Federal TEACH Grant.

Timeframe for students to submit verification documentation:
Students selected for verification are required to submit acceptable documentation by June 30 of the current award year or before the student ceases enrollment, whichever occurs first.

Consequences for failing to submit documentation:
If the verification process is not completed by June 30 of the current award year, all Title IV funding will be forfeited.

Method to notify students if EFC and Title IV aid amounts change:
Students will be notified through a revised Financial Aid Award letter if any changes are made to the EFC or Title IV aid amounts due to verification.

Procedures to correct FAFSA data:
Any conflicts discovered during the verification process will be resolved by comparing all documentation submitted to the financial aid office. Appropriate changes are updated in PeopleSoft and corrections will be electronically transferred to CPS. In the event the student is required to correct any FAFSA data, he/she will be notified in writing and directed to: www.fafsa.ed.gov to make the correction(s).

Procedures to refer a student to the Office of Inspector General (OIG):
Verification results that reveal an attempt to fraudulently obtain federal funds will be referred by CGU to the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education for investigation.

- OIG Hotline: (800) MIS-USED;
- Email: oig.hotline@ed.gov;
- Web address: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html;
- Long Beach Regional Office: (562) 980-4141.