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Update on GLASS

Testing on the GLASS system continues and is going well. We have trained 71 Financial Aid and IT Support personnel on the GLASS system. We will have additional training in the months of April through June before we go live at the end of June 2025. Elizabeth will send out announcements when we have those training sessions scheduled. Everyone is encouraged to attend the training and is welcome to attend as many training sessions as you want until you feel comfortable in the system. We also want you practicing in GLASS regularly. We will be going into Beta production mode at the end of March and switching over completely to GLASS at the end of June 2025. We have provided additional resources on the website for the GLASS system; it is located under the For Administrators tab and then you will see GLASS Resources. It contains General Information, System Access and File Layouts. Please check the website regularly as it will be updated weekly.

When certifying your students for enrollment you will be certifying not only that the student is enrolled at your institution, but also satisfactory academic progress (SAP), and how the student is enrolled. A student may be enrolled full time (12 credits), ¾ time (9-11 credits), ½ time (6-8 credits), or less than half time (5 credits or less). If a student is enrolled full time, they are eligible for the full award; ¾ time they will receive 75% of the award; half time they'll receive 50% of the award; and less than half time GLASS will recalculate the award they'll receive.

Non-resident ISIRs

We are unable to request non-resident ISIRs from the FAFSA Partner Portal. Barb is keeping a list of the requests sent in by the schools and will request them as soon as possible. In the meantime, please continue to send in your non-resident ISIR requests as they come up.

Residency changes

We contacted the Department of Education for a legal opinion on changing the residency so that the schools could provide the students with their funds and then change it back and this is what they advised: "While we are always empathetic to the hardships of any student, the Department does not support your proposal. When signing the FAFSA, both the parent and student agree to the following:

"I consent and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information I provide on the FAFSA form is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the *Privacy Act of 1974*, subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA, my execution date of consent and approval will be logged in the U.S. Department of Education's Person Authentication Service (PAS) System of Record (18-11 12)."

Therefore, the Department would not support any guidance to students and/or parents that asks them to falsify a federal form, even for a short period of time."

Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant

In 1985, the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant (MURG) Program was enacted into Wisconsin law. In 2023, the State of Wisconsin won a circuit court case which upheld the validity of the MURG Program in this state. On February 26, 2025, the court of appeals overturned this circuit court's ruling and subsequently found the MURG Program to be discriminatory and unlawful. With this new ruling, HEAB will continue to award and disburse funds for the MURG Program only until the court files its injunction.

If your school hasn't done so already, please send your vouchers to HEAB for your MURG award students as soon as possible. After the injunction is filed, HEAB will no longer be able to award or disburse any funds for nominated MURG students.

If you have any questions regarding the court case specifically, please contact DOJ Public Communications at 608-266-1220.

Refunds

Please get your refunds in. When sending in your refunds, please include the list of students being refunded, both as a paper copy and an electronic file. To safely send HEAB your refund spreadsheet, please go to the <u>HEAB website</u>, to the Administrator tab, under Processing Schedule, at the bottom of the calendar, you will find the Voucher Instructions. The Voucher Instructions will show you how to log into the secure site to send sensitive student data. If we receive a refund check and do not receive a list that matches the amount being refunded within three weeks, the check will be returned to you.

Last Voucher for 24-25

Our last voucher for 24-25 will be **May 16, 2025**. For us to transition to GLASS at the end of June, we will need to have all the vouchering done by the middle of May. This includes requests from Veteran's Grant PNP. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Processing Schedule

Notification List 24-25

Distributed Wednesday afternoons.

March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Notification List 25-26

Distributed Thursday afternoons.

March 6, 13, 20 and 28.

April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1.

AES/TES List

Distributed Thursday afternoons.

March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1.

Voucher Processing

Tuesdays and Fridays for files uploaded by noon.

March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 and 28.

April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, and May 2.

Special Vouchers (for loan programs)

Processed weekly on Wednesdays.

March 5, 12, and 19.

April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Please check our website calendar for the most current processing schedule updates.

Grant Updates

24-25 committed as of March 18, 2025

	<u>Current</u>	This Time Last Year
Wisconsin Grant – Private, non-profit		
W-Codes added, effective January 28, 2025		
Committed	155.99%	174.05%
Spent	93.07%	94.47%
Wisconsin Grant - Tribal		
Committed	157.68%	167.15%
Spent	83.03%	71.81%
Wisconsin Grant – UW		
Committed	172.11%	125.91%
Spent	98.48%	91.44%
Wisconsin Grant – Technical		
*W-codes 6/27/24		
Committed	188.255%	206.90%
Spent	100.28%	110.41%

Upcoming Events

Scheduled HEAB board meetings:

Friday, April 25, 2025 Friday, July 25, 2025

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact Tammie DeVooght at (608) 267-2206 or tammie.devooght@wisconsin.gov. Thank you!