TO: Directors of Financial Aid  
Public Institutions of Higher Education

FROM: DeChà Reid  
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RE: Foster Care Exemption Fact Sheet; Updates to Exemption Program Guidelines

Financial Aid Services announces the release of a new resource for institutions: Foster Care Exemption Fact Sheet. The fact sheet was developed to help public institutions assist foster youth currently or formerly under the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and those adopted from DFPS.

In January of this year, six exemption program guidelines were released, and each of these documents was recently updated to align the selective service section with the FY 2021 grant, loan, and work-study program guidelines. The six updated programs along with the Foster Care Fact Sheet are listed below under enclosures and are also posted on the SFAP webpage under Program Resources.

If you have questions about these resources, contact Financial Aid Services through CONTACT US (select “Financial Aid Question” under Contact Reason).

Enclosed:

- Foster Care Fact Sheet

Updated as of April 30, 2020:

- Children of Disabled or Deceased Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers
- Disabled Peace Officers and Firefighters
- Education Benefits for Certain Survivors
- Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses
- Good Neighbor Program (GNP)
- Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses