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Availability of Institutional and Financial Assistance Information

The following information concerning student financial assistance may be obtained from Director of Financial Aid, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2389:

- A description of the federal, state, institutional, local, and private student financial assistance programs available to students who enroll at Sonoma State University;
- For each aid program, a description of procedures and forms by which students apply for assistance, student eligibility requirements, criteria for selecting recipients from the group of eligible applicants, and criteria for determining the amount of a student's award;
- A description of the rights and responsibilities of students receiving financial assistance, including federal federal Title IV student assistance programs, and the criteria for continued student eligibility under each program;
- The satisfactory academic progress standards that students must maintain for the purpose of receiving financial assistance and criteria by which the student who has failed to maintain satisfactory progress may reestablish eligibility for financial assistance;
- The method by which financial assistance disbursements will be made to students and the frequency of those disbursements;
- The terms of any loan received as part of the student's financial aid package, a sample loan repayment schedule, and the necessity for repaying loans;
- The general conditions and terms applicable to any employment provided as part of the student's financial aid package;
- The responsibility of [name of institution] for providing and collecting exit counseling information for all student borrowers under the federal student loan programs; and
- The terms and conditions for deferral of loan payments for qualifying service under the Peace Corps Act, the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or comparable volunteer community service.

Information concerning the cost of attending Sonoma State University is available from Senior Director for University Business Services, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2308, and includes fees and
tuition (where applicable); the estimated costs of books and supplies; estimates of typical student room, board, and transportation costs; and, if requested, additional costs for specific programs.

Information concerning the refund policies of Sonoma State University for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of institutional charges is available from Senior Director for University Business Services, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2308.

Information concerning policies regarding the return of federal Title IV student assistance funds as required by regulation is available from Director of Financial Aid, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2389.

Information regarding special facilities and services available to students with disabilities may be obtained from Director, Disabled Student Services, Salazar 1049, (707) 664-2677.

Information concerning Sonoma State University policies, procedures, and facilities for students and other to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus may be obtained from Senior Director, Police Services, Sonoma Bldg., (707) 664-2143.

Information concerning Sonoma State University's annual campus security report may be obtained from Senior Director, Police Services, Sonoma Bldg., (707) 664-2143.

Information concerning the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and rehabilitation programs may be obtained from Vice President for Student Affairs, Stevenson 1054, (707) 664-2838.

Information regarding student retention and graduation rates at [name of institution] and, if available, the number and percentage of students completing the program in which the student is enrolled or has expressed interest may be obtained from Director, Analytical Studies, Stevenson 1041, (707) 664-2790.

Information concerning athletic opportunities available to male and female students and the financial resources and personnel that Sonoma State University dedicates to its men's and women's teams may be obtained from Director of Athletics, P.E. 21, (707) 664-2521.

Information concerning teacher preparation programs at Sonoma State University, including the pass rate on teacher certification examinations, may be obtained from Dean, School of Education, Stevenson, (707) 664-3115.

Information concerning grievance procedures for students who feel aggrieved in their relationships with the university, its policies, practices, and procedures, or its faculty and staff may be obtained from Vice President for Student Affairs, Stevenson 1054, (707) 664-2838.

The federal Military Selective Service Act (the "Act") requires most males residing in the United States to present themselves for registration with the Selective Service System within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday. Most males between the ages of 18 and 25 must be registered. Males born after December 31, 1959, may be required to submit a statement of compliance with the Act and regulations in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under specified provisions of existing federal law. In California, students subject to the Act who fail to register are also ineligible to receive any need-based student grants funded by the state or a public postsecondary institution.

Selective Service registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office, and many high schools have a staff member or teacher appointed as a Selective Service Registrar. Applicants for financial aid can also request that information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be used to register them with the Selective Service. Information on the Selective Service System is available and the registration process may be initiated online at www.sss.gov.

Student Consumer Information
Percentage of full-time freshmen entering in Fall 2000 who enrolled in Fall 2001: 76 percent.

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