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Recertification for Institutional Participation in State Student Financial Aid Programs

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

Institutions must have their eligibility to participate in the state student financial assistance programs recertified by September 2019 in order for their students to continue to receive state financial assistance. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education approved the recertification of 78 institutions at its June 5, 2019, meeting. However, two institutions, Carthage Technical Center and Nevada Regional Technical Center, did not submit a recertification application and department staff inadvertently failed to follow up with these institutions to ascertain whether they intended to pursue recertification. As a result, they were excluded from board consideration in June. This item seeks board approval to correct the omission and ensure all eligible and interested institutions are recertified by the end of this month.

CURRENT STATUS

Carthage Technical Center submitted the documents required for recertification. Departmental review of the submitted documents found this institution is eligible to be recertified for participation in the following programs:

- Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program
- Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight Scholarship)
- Public Safety Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program
- Wartime Veteran's Survivors Grant Program

Nevada Regional Technical Center opted not to continue its participation in state student assistance programs administered by the department.

NEXT STEPS

Once recertification has been granted by the Coordinating Board, Carthage Technical Center will be notified by the commissioner regarding that action and receive their copy of the duly signed participation agreements. In addition, the department will update its institutional records accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education approve Carthage Technical Center for recertification to participate in the state student financial assistance programs administered by the Missouri Department of Higher Education until September 2022.

NO ATTACHMENTS