

The U.S. Department of Education has established regulations to prevent fraud and abuse in the Federal Pell Grant Program by identifying students with unusual enrollment histories. Some students who have an unusual enrollment history have legitimate reasons for their enrollment at multiple institutions. However, such an enrollment history requires a review to determine whether there are valid reasons for the unusual enrollment history. This must be resolved before you will receive financial aid.

Students may also be selected for this process because they received a Federal Pell Grant the last three years, but did not successfully complete the number of credits for which the Federal Pell Grant was provided.

To clear this issue, you must have all your previous credits from all prior colleges attended evaluated by our Registration Office. You will not be eligible for financial aid until this process has occurred.

Follow the following steps:

1. Review the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at <u>http://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/</u> for prior schools attended. You must have your Federal PIN to access NSLDS.

2. Request that Official Transcripts from ALL your prior colleges be mailed to East Central College – Registration Office.

3. The transcripts will be reviewed and your continued eligibility for financial aid will be determined within 2 weeks of the receipt of all official transcripts.