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Certification for Participation in State Student Financial Assistance Programs

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

Aviation Institute of Maintenance, with a campus located in Kansas City, Missouri, is seeking participation in the National Guard Member Educational Assistance Grant, also known as the Missouri Tuition Assistance Program. The National Guard administers this student financial assistance program in accordance with Section 173.239, RSMo. Students receiving financial assistance under this section must attend an eligible institution as defined in Section 173.205 or 173.778, RSMo. Section 173.205 referred to the Charles Gallagher Student Financial Assistance program and has since been rescinded and replaced with Section 173.1102. Section 173.778 refers to the Advantage Missouri program.

The last disbursement of Advantage Missouri funds occurred in FY 2005. In addition, as a proprietary institution, Aviation Institute of Technology does not meet the definition of an eligible institution contained in Section 173.1102, RSMo. Consequently, students in attendance at Aviation Institute of Technology will not be eligible to receive assistance through any of the state student financial assistance programs currently administered by the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. Board approval of Aviation Institute of Technology will only affect student participation in the National Guard Member Educational Assistance Grant administered by the National Guard.

CURRENT STATUS

Staff has determined that Aviation Institute of Maintenance meets the definition of an eligible institution provided in Section 173.778(2)(a)-(2)(e), RSMo. Section 173.778(2)(f) requires that the institution be approved for participation in the Advantage Missouri program by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The institution has submitted the application materials required to be considered by the board to participate in the Advantage Missouri program, and meets the statutory requirements.

It is important to note that Aviation Institute of Technology is currently provisionally certified to participate in federal Title IV student assistance programs. While provisional certification permits full participation in federal programs, such institutions are subject to loss of participation more quickly than if they were fully certified. As such, the approval of this institution will be monitored more closely and this approval is considered contingent upon their continued approval to participate in federal programs.

NEXT STEPS

The department will notify Aviation Institute of Technology and the Missouri National Guard of the board's action.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Coordinating Board for Higher Education approve, in accordance with Sections 173.778 and 173.239, RSMo, Aviation Institute of Maintenance's participation in the Advantage Missouri Program so students attending this institution will be eligible for the Missouri Tuition Assistance Program.

NO ATTACHMENTS