



Dear Student:

Based on information we received from your FAFSA form, you do not have a high school diploma, GED or a state credential from a home-school program. Federal law requires you to take some special steps before you can be considered for federal financial aid. There are 2 options.

- 1. If you do or will have a high school diploma, GED or graduate from a state approved home schooled program with a state credential, before you begin the 2008-09 school year please read and complete the following statement:

I have read the above statement and I will have (circle one): High School diploma GED Home Schooled State Credential by the time I begin the 2008-09 school year.

Student Signature

Student ID or SSN

Date

If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

- 2. If you are not a high school graduate, a GED recipient, or you have a state credential from a home-school program, you must take and pass a federally-approved test before you can be considered for federal financial aid. The purpose of the test is to show your ability to benefit from the program you plan to take at the college. If you pass the test successfully, you can be considered for federal aid. If you do not pass the test, you can still enroll at the college, but you cannot receive federal financial aid.

The federally-approved test used at the College is the COMPASS Test. You should call our Testing Center at 301-934-7657 to book a testing appointment at your earliest convenience. Make sure you tell the Testing Center person that you need to take the COMPASS test to establish eligibility for federal financial aid.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LETTER WITH YOU TO THE TESTING CENTER! Leave the letter with the testing person so that he/she can use the space below to report to our office the results of your test. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Financial Assistance Department

TESTING CENTER USE ONLY:

Student's Name Student ID

Did student attain minimum federal "cut score" on COMPASS Test? Yes No

SSC Signature Date

Please return this letter to the Financial Assistance Department (FAD).