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The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board met on November 10, 2008, to discuss a remedy for the projected deficit in the program account for the 2008-2009 academic year. This projected deficit is due in part to an increased number of recipients in comparison to last academic year. Additionally, the general revenue appropriations for the War Orphans Scholarship for the current academic year were affected by a 4.75% administrative budget cut ordered in September 2008.

The Board did approve the addition of 50 eligible applicants who met the secondary deadline of November 1, 2008.

In order to live within the financial means of the program for the 2008-2009 academic year, the Board has voted to implement a 30% cut to all awards for spring term. This 30% cut is to be applied to both public and private sectors and is to be made against spring term award amounts only (not annual award amounts). Summer, fall and winter term amounts are held harmless and need not be adjusted.

Institutions are asked to advise all affected students as soon as possible. Certainly, financial aid award revisions would be expected. Upon requesting payment for spring term via HEI, schools should adjust the normal spring amount requested to reflect the 30% cut for each student.

The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board appreciates and respects the importance of this program funding to the students who receive it. The Board members did not take their responsibilities lightly in making this important decision. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, a critical change had to be implemented in order to avoid a year-end deficit.

Of special note is the effect of this cut to those recipients attending public institutions who are otherwise OIG/OCOG eligible. Up to this point, such students have not received OIG/OCOG since both programs are tuition/fees specific, and the War Orphans Scholarship has covered 100% of these costs. Now that the spring term award has been cut by 30%, those students who appear on a public institution's roster as OIG/OCOG eligible can take advantage of OIG/OCOG for spring term. The amount of their eligibility would be the cut in their War Orphans scholarship or their spring OIG/OCOG eligibility, whichever is less.

On behalf of the War Orphans Scholarship Board, your assistance in delivering this message to affected students is extremely helpful. It should be highlighted that no one is being penalized in such a scenario; rather we recognize many individuals are sharing in this sacrifice brought on by the trying economic condition. A copy of this memo along with a copy of a letter addressed to all recipients can be found at the following website: [http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/war\\_orphans/index.php](http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/war_orphans/index.php).