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OCOG Payment Files

The 2009-2010 OCOG payment files are now available. Our administrative capabilities have been restored, so requests for residency and foster youth (community college sector) overrides can now be made. Please note too that the eligibility rosters now reflect remaining terms of OCOG eligibility (combining historical OCOG and OIG usage) and eligible annual award amounts, and are able to be loaded incrementally in addition to cumulatively.

The following chart summarizes the automatic opening and closing dates for respective term submission windows—no extension requests necessary. Please note these dates apply to payment submission requests for the OCOG program only. All other programs will continue to abide by the respective academic calendar established by each institution.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Close</i>
Summer	Monday, November 30, 2009	Monday, February 1, 2010
Autumn	Monday, December 7, 2009	Monday, March 1, 2010
Winter	Monday, January 4, 2010	Monday, April 26, 2010
Spring	Per campus academic calendar	Per campus academic calendar

Schools are encouraged to submit their payment requests as soon as possible once the respective term opens. Doing so ensures that files can be processed in chronological order and in a timely fashion to aid in our goal of setting 2010-2011 OCOG award amounts sooner rather than later. No OCOG payment requests will be accepted for any given term once that term's submission window has closed—outside of cases that meet OCOG extension exception guidance re-printed in [SGS Guidance Memo 10-007](#) dated August 4, 2009.

2008-2009 Reconciliation

[SGS Guidance Memo 10-007](#) dated August 4, 2009, encouraged all schools to check their respective OCOG and OIG refund manifest from the 2008-2009 academic year and issue all outstanding refunds to our office. Those schools that have yet to fully reconcile will be contacted soon by our program administrator to issue the appropriate refunds to close out the 2008-2009 academic year.

Treatment of Federal Veterans' Education Benefits

Recent changes to the Federal Higher Education Act now exclude federal veterans' education benefits from a student's estimated financial assistance. As such, any tuition/general fees specific federal veterans' educational benefits that normally would have been counted before OCOG was awarded can now be disregarded in line with federal guidance. As indicated in [SGS Guidance Memo 10-006A](#) dated July 24, 2009, all other tuition/general fees specific aid from state, institutional or third party sources must continue to be applied toward tuition/general fees before OCOG is determined.

Financial aid personnel should direct questions to the Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program Administrator, Tamika Braswell, 614.728.8862, tbraswell@regents.state.oh.us.