

Fraud Alert!

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NO AID HERE

We have just received a copy of an e-mail supposedly issued by the U.S. Department of Education. The e-mail was sent to the parents of a college student who had applied for financial aid. The e-mail directed the parents to update their financial aid application by clicking on a web address imbedded in the e-mail.

**IF YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THESE E-MAILS, DO NOT RESPOND!
THIS E-MAIL IS A SCAM!**

We have checked with the Inspector Generals Office in the U.S. Department of Education. They do **NOT** communicate with students or parents by e-mail. All correspondence relating to financial aid is done through the postal service. This is what is called a “phishing” scam – an attempt to get you to provide your personal information by pretending to be someone else (in this case the Department of Education).

To Protect Yourself:

1. Never click on a link that takes you to another site where you are supposed to enter personal information.
2. Never give personal information to anyone who contacts you. Only provide information when you have initiated the contact using information that you know to be legitimate. And even then, be cautious with what you share.

Need help?

Call the Fraud Assistance Line

720-874.8547

