Tip Sheet for Financial Aid Administrators Working with Refugee and Asylee Students

Refugee and asylee students face unique challenges in their quests to obtain postsecondary education. This tip sheet is designed to help financial aid administrators working with this population with some of the questions they may have processing financial aid for these students.

Question Answer

1. What non-citizen statuses are eligible for

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5. A refugee or asylee student has supplied us with a high school diploma that is not in English; what can I do to verify its validity?	Institutions cannot require students to provide translated versions of the diplomas or transcripts. If your institution does not have the expertise to make the translation, you may use a foreign diploma evaluation service. AACRAO has a book containing sample transcripts from foreign countries that can also assist in the process that can be found at http://www4.aacrao.org/publications . The following publications could prove helpful: The AACRAO International Guide: A Resource for International Education Professionals, AACRAO 2016 Academic Record and Transcript Guide, Counterfeit Diplomas and Transcripts, or Guide to Bogus Institutions and Documents.
6. Where can I find additional information on how to process financial aid for refugee or asylee students?	The Federal Student Aid Handbook has clearly documented requirements for verifying eligibility.

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