

Case Study #1

Remy is applying for financial aid at XYZ Community College. He is 20 years old and tells you he would like to apply as an independent student. Remy tells you he has not lived with his parents since he was 18. When he graduated from high school, they told him he was on his own. He's worked 2 part-time jobs to support himself and now wants to go to school.

You ask Remy about the relationship with his parents. He says that they won't give him any information to apply for financial aid. He is planning to visit with them for Christmas.

Would you make him independent by professional judgment? Why or why not?

Case Study #2

Matilda has applied for financial aid for the current academic year using her base-year income. She has decided to quit her full-time job so that she can go to school full-time. Her EFC is currently 5,128.

What will you do for Matilda?

Case Study #3

James has applied for federal financial aid. He is 29 years old and was born in the United States. The ISIR indicates that he did not register with Selective Service. You instruct him to call the Selective Service System to get a letter about his SS status. After a couple weeks, James brings the letter to you. The letter says that the Selective Service sent a letter to a specific address with a follow-up letter to the same address.

Will you use professional judgment to allow James to receive federal financial aid? If so, what will your case notes say?

Case Study #4

Sam has been receiving financial aid for two years now at Wonderful Community College. Before coming to WCC, Sam was at Beautiful Community College. He has a deferred student loan debt of \$2,625 from BCC and \$6,125 from WCC. He has been a half-time student for 4 semesters and has completed 15 units in his first 3 semesters and then completed no units in the 4th semester. He was suspended from financial aid and subsequently completed a petition for reinstatement. The Appeals Committee approved Sam's reinstatement for the upcoming semester.

Sam is eligible for the BOG and Pell Grant. He has an EFC of 1,580. He applies for a student loan of \$3,500 for the upcoming academic year.

Will you certify the loan? What will you put in the case notes?