

Per the U.S. Department of Education, to receive financial aid (whether Grants, Loans, or Federal Work Study) a student must be qualified to study at the postsecondary level. A student qualifies if he/she meets one of the following:

- Has a valid High School diploma (this can be from a foreign high school if it is equivalent to a U.S. High School Diploma)
- Has the recognized equivalent of a High School Diploma, such as a General Education Development or GED certificate, or the High School Equivalency Test or HiSET, or the Test Assessing Secondary Completion or TSAC.
- Has completed Home Schooling at the secondary level as defined by state law

Our records indicate your High School or GED information has not been updated with College of DuPage and/or on your FAFSA. Please make sure your High School or GED Information is updated with the following:

- On your FAFSA, verify that Question 26 indicates High School Diploma, General Education Development (GED) certificate or state certificate, or Homeschooled.
 - If your High School/GED/Homeschooled information is not correct in Question 26, please make the appropriate correction and resubmit your FAFSA. Your corrected FAFSA information will be sent to COD in approximately 3 to 4 business days.
- At College of DuPage, please make sure your High School/GED/Homeschooled information is updated with the Records Office. You must provide **one** of the following documents that indicate your high school completion status when you begin college in the 2020-2021 academic school year to **College of DuPage Office of Student Records**. Contact the Office of Student Records by phone at (630) 942-3838 or via email at recordsoffice@cod.edu.
 - A copy of your final *official* High School transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
 - A copy of your General Education Development (GED) transcript or the High School Equivalency Test or HiSET, or the Test Assessing Secondary Completion or TSAC.
 - If you were a homeschooled student, a transcript or equivalent, signed by the parent or guardian, listing secondary school courses you have completed and documentation that you have successfully completed secondary school education.
 - If you were a homeschooled student, a secondary school completion credential if required under State law.
 - If you received the equivalency of a High School diploma in your country of origin, contact College of DuPage Student Records for the appropriate documentation to submit to verify the completion of a High School diploma or its equivalency.