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TOPICS: LEAP Funding Notification

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) signed into law in August, 2008, requires that recipients be notified that LEAP Grants are made possible through both federal and state funding.

In order to comply with this law, LOSFA has prepared and will distribute the attached correspondence to those students who received LEAP or Special LEAP (SLEAP) funding during academic year 2008-2009.

Beginning with academic year 2009-2010, it will become the school's responsibility to notify award recipients. The correspondence you provide should be in compliance with the directive set forth in the HEOA and contain verbiage similar to that included in LOSFA's correspondence.

If you have questions, you may contact Bonnie Lavergne at 225-922-0412 or blavergne@osfa.la.gov.

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Dear Student,

The Louisiana Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) provides need-based grants to academically qualified students. As administrators of this program, we have been notified by your school that you were a recipient of this grant during the 2008-09 academic year. These grants were part of your financial aid award package and are intended to be used for educational expenses including tuition and fees, books and supplies, and living expenses, such as room, board and transportation.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act signed into law in August, 2008, requires that recipients be notified that LEAP Grants are made possible through both federal and state funding. This notice is being provided to you in order to satisfy the requirements of the federal law. No action is required on your part.

We hope that the grants made possible through this partnership have assisted you in pursuing your education. Best wishes in your future educational pursuits.

Sincerely,

Melanie Amrhein Executive Director

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