

2023-24 Citizen or Eligible Noncitizen Status for Federal Financial Aid

Contacts: Citizen CC: 046, 068, 105, 109, 141, 142, 144, & 146

The U.S. Department of Education has informed us through your FAFSA that you may not have the proper citizenship or residency status in order to receive FEDERAL Financial Aid. In order to receive FEDERAL Financial Aid, one must be a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. Permanent Resident, or an “Other Eligible Non-U.S. Citizen.” You must provide evidence to the Student Financial Planning Office of your current status. Follow the instructions below:

You will not be able to receive FEDERAL Financial Aid until this issue is resolved.

THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER.

What do I have to do so I can still receive Financial Aid?

You can login to your FAFSA to review the answer you submitted to question #14 regarding your citizenship status. If you need to make a correction to this answer, please do so and submit the FAFSA. An updated FAFSA will be sent to KWU within a few days. If you find you need to make an update to your SSN, please do not resubmit this FAFSA. Update your FSA ID to the correct SSN, and then restart and submit a new FAFSA. You can review myKWU> Financial Assistance Document Tracking> 2023-24 to confirm this is resolved or to see if there are other items needed.

1	Are you a U.S. Citizen?	<p><i>If Yes,</i></p> <p>1) Please submit a copy of your U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization, birth certificate showing birth in the United States, or birth abroad to U.S. Citizen parent(s), or other document proving that you are a U.S. Citizen to the KWU Office of Student Financial Planning. (A voter registration card will not suffice for this purpose.)</p>
2	Are you a U.S. Permanent Resident (“Green Card” holder)?	<p><i>If Yes,</i></p> <p>1) Please submit a copy of your Alien Registration card (both sides) or other documentation (from the Dept. of Homeland Security) that shows that you are a U.S. Permanent Resident to the KWU Office of Student Financial Planning.</p>
3	Are you an “Other Eligible Non-Citizen” for the purposes of receiving Financial Aid?	<p><i>If Yes,</i></p> <p>1) Please submit a copy of your Alien Registration card (both sides) or other documentation (from the Dept. of Homeland Security) that shows that you are an Other Eligible Non-Citizen to the KWU Office of Student Financial Planning.</p>

Hopefully, either the corrections you submitted to your FAFSA, or the documents you forwarded to the Student Financial Planning Office, will resolve this question.

For more information on Non-Citizen eligibility for Federal Financial Aid, go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>



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If you submitted documents to our office, in some cases, we are required to forward copies of those documents for review by the U.S. Department of Education and other government agencies. This may take up to three weeks. Feel free to check with us on the progress of this review. We will notify you as soon as it is resolved via email to your KWU email.

If you are a Dream Act (DACA) Student, you are eligible to do the FAFSA but it will not make you eligible for Federal Financial Aid. Be sure that you answer the FAFSA question about citizenship as “Other than Eligible Non-Citizen”. Please know that Kansas Wesleyan University does offer Institutional Scholarships for which you do not need to be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. Learn more about these at www.kwu.edu > Future Students > Student Financial Planning > Kansas Wesleyan Scholarships.

Citizenship is not a criterion required to receive Kansas Wesleyan University Scholarships and Grants. For more information about KWU Scholarships go to www.kwu.edu > Future Students > Tuition and Scholarships> then select the “Institutional Aid” button within the Student Financial Planning page, or contact the Office of Student Financial Planning at finaid@kwu.edu or 785-833-4315.

See also our Outside Scholarship Opportunities page at www.kwu.edu > Future Students > Tuition and Scholarships > Outside Scholarship Opportunities.