

Student Loan Code of Conduct

Kansas Wesleyan University participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. This program includes the Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan and the Direct Parent PLUS loan. Upon request from students and parents, private loans are certified and processed for students.

To comply with the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Kansas Wesleyan University has instituted a Student Loan Code of Conduct to ensure the integrity and the compliance of the administration of all student loan programs. Kansas Wesleyan university adheres to the following:

1. Prohibition of Revenue-Sharing

Kansas Wesleyan University will not participate in any revenue-sharing arrangements. The HEOA of 2008 defines revenue-sharing arrangements as any arrangement between an institution and a lender under which the lender makes loans to students attending the institution (or to the families of those students); the institution recommends the lender or the loan products of the lender; and in exchange, the lender pays a fee or provides other material benefits, including revenue or profit-sharing, to the institution, to its officers, employees, or agents.

Kansas Wesleyan University officers, employees, or agents will not accept gifts from any outside entity in exchange for loan referrals. A gift is described as any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, or other item having monetary value of more than de minimus amount.

2. Prohibition of Contracting Arrangements

No officer, trustee, or employee of the University will accept from any lender, guarantor, or servicer any fee, payment, or other financial benefit of a lender, guarantor, or servicer.

3. Prohibition on Offers of Funds for Private Loans

No officer, trustee, or employee of the University will request or accept from any lender, guarantor, or servicer any offer of funds to be used for private educational loans, including a pool of funds to students in exchange for the University providing concessions or promises to the lender, guarantor, or servicer for a specific number of loans made, insured, or guaranteed, a specified loan volume, or a preferred lender arrangement. Prohibited financial benefits include but are not limited to revenue-sharing, fees, payments, printing costs, case, gifts, stocks, expense-paid trips, entertainment, lodging, meals, or travel costs.

4. Gift Restrictions

Officers, trustees, and employees of the University are prohibited from soliciting or accepting any gift from a lender, guarantor, or servicer of educational loans. Gifts include but are not limited to any cash, gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, stocks, printing costs, expense-paid trips, or reimbursement for lodging, meals, or travel to conferences or training seminars. Training materials are not considered gifts.

5. Preferred Lender Lists

Kansas Wesleyan University participates in the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program which provides student and parent loans through the U.S. Department of education.

Kansas Wesleyan University currently does not utilize a preferred lender list for private educational loans. No lender is given preferred status or is given any advantage in securing potential borrowers. Students and parents are free to select the lending institution of their choice.

Kansas Wesleyan University will not restrict students from selecting a particular lender, delay certification, or refuse to certify private educational loans for our students.

6. Advisory Board Compensation Rules

Kansas Wesleyan University Financial Aid employees who serve on an advisory board, commission, or group established by a lender, guarantor or service shall not receive anything of value for such service.

7. Staff Assistance

Kansas Wesleyan University Financial Aid Office shall not request or accept any staffing assistance from any lender, guarantor, or servicer.

The Student Loan Code of Conduct is based upon Section 493 of the HEOA.

The requirements set forth in Section 493 of the HEOA shall take precedence over any section of this Code of Conduct that is in conflict with Section 493 of the HEOA except that the more restrictive part of either this Code of Conduct or Section 493 of the HEOA shall take precedence over the less restrictive part.