# Federal Financial Aid Complaints Resources

All *Title IV* Federal Student Aid Programs refers to the financial aid programs for postsecondary students, authorized under *Title IV* of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (*Title IV*, *HEA*) and administered by the U.S. Department of Education and listed in 34 CFR 668.1(c).

# University of North Georgia Financial Aid Resources

Visit the UNG <u>Cost & Aid</u> page for financial aid contact information, connect with a UNG financial aid counselor, or get answers to your tuition, payment, and refund questions. If the problem could not be resolved, there are multiple federal agencies that can help.

# Tips for filing a complaint

- Clearly identify the problem and the reasons behind it.
- Explain what steps you've already taken to try and resolve the issue.
- Provide any supporting documentation.
- Define your expectations for a resolution.

## Submit a Complaint to a Federal Agency

If you have concerns or complaints regarding your federal financial aid or other financial obligations, there are several resources available to you:

### 1. Federal Student Aid (FSA) Feedback Center

- You can submit a complaint or provide feedback directly to the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA) Feedback Center.
- This center allows you to address issues with lenders, servicers, collection agencies, and your school's administration of federal student aid programs.
- If you're already logged into your FSA account, you can select "Manage My Cases," add information to an existing case, and request an escalated review.

### 2. FSA Ombudsman Group

• If you've already attempted to resolve the issue through the FSA Feedback Center and are unsatisfied with the resolution, you can escalate your complaint to the FSA Ombudsman Group. The Ombudsman Group is a neutral resource dedicated to helping resolve disputes and complaints related to federal student aid programs.

- You can reach them by replying to your case resolution letter, calling 1-800-433-3243, or by logging into your account and adding information to your existing case to request escalation.
- The Ombudsman Group can also be contacted by mail:

U.S. Department of Education FSA Ombudsman Group P.O. Box 1854 Monticello, KY 42633

#### 3. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

- For complaints concerning private student loans or the servicing of federal student loans, you can file a complaint with the <u>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</u>. The CFPB helps consumers connect with financial companies to understand issues, fix errors, and get direct responses about problems.
- You can submit your complaint online or by calling them at 855-411-2372, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### 4. Reporting Fraud

- If you suspect financial aid fraud, waste, or abuse (e.g., identity theft related to financial aid), you can contact the U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General Hotline.
- You can also report suspicious activity through the FSA Feedback Center.
- The <u>Federal Trade Commission</u> (FTC) is another resource for reporting student loan scams and fraudulent activities related to student loan debt relief companies.

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