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At its April 28, 2021, meeting, the Board of Regents approved changes to the GO Grant Framework, referred to as Framework, that will result in a new methodology in awarding students beginning with the 2021-2022 award year. Under the new framework, institutions will have the ability to structure the award to best fit the needs of their student populations, while making the best use of state financial aid dollars.

The new Framework eliminates the 60% limit on gift aid that a student may receive. The amount of gift aid received (federal and state aid, including TOPS and institutional aid) will not affect the amount of GO Grant awarded to a student. LOSFA will convene a work group to determine the impact of eliminating the 60%.

Although there are no other changes, the revised Framework includes all requirements for institutional policy regarding packaging a student for a GO Grant award. Institutions should read the attached 2021-2022 Louisiana GO Grant Program Framework carefully to ensure compliance.

It has come to our attention that one or more postsecondary institutions has required students to complete an application for the GO Grant in addition to the FAFSA. This is not an acceptable practice. The only application a student must complete in order to be considered for the GO Grant is the FAFSA.

<https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021-2022-Go-Grant-Eligibility-Framework-FINAL.pdf>

The GO Grant annual allocation schedule will be determined and distributed once the 2021-2022 appropriation is determined in June. The current proposed budget includes an \$11 million annual increase for the GO Grant.

Questions regarding this bulletin or the GO Grant Framework for the 2021-2022 academic year should be directed to Joanna Brumfield at Joanna.brumfield@la.gov or Deborah Paul at deborah.paul@la.gov.