



## **Notice to MNAid Users**

### Social Security Number Use:

Section 7(b) of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that when any federal, state, or local government agency asks you to disclose your Social Security Account number, you must be advised whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority the number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. The Social Security number will be used by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to verify your identity, and as an identifier of your file in order to record necessary data accurately. As an identifier, the Social Security number is used in the administration of State Financial Aid for such purposes as processing applications, program evaluation, and reporting. You are being advised that disclosure of your Social Security number is voluntary. However, failure to submit your Social Security number may prevent further processing of state financial aid applications.

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### Tennessee Warning

In accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education is required to inform you of your rights as they pertain to the private data collected from you. When you complete a state financial aid application, private data, including identifying information, is used to process and verify applications, determine eligibility for state financial aid programs, and for analysis, reporting, evaluation and participation of state financial aid programs, as well as program impact on an individual's education, training and employment pathways and outcomes.

You are not required to provide the information requested to apply for state financial aid. By providing the data to OHE, the Office of Higher Education will be able to process your application for state financial aid; failure to submit the requested data may prevent further processing and ultimately the awarding of state financial aid to you. The information supplied in this form may be shared with OHE employees, agents, and contractors, college and university financial aid staff, scholarship awarding offices, other state agencies in the coordination of awarding aid and authorized through Data Sharing Agreements, the Office of the Legislative Auditor, upon request, or upon court order.