



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Morgan State University and Maryland Higher Education Commission
Baltimore, Maryland

We have examined Morgan State University's compliance with the Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards program for the Guaranteed Access Grant, Educational Assistance Grant, and the Campus Based Educational Assistance Grant, as noted in the Maryland Higher Education Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance MHEC Independent Audit Manual, during the year ended June 30, 2023. Management of Morgan State University is responsible for Morgan State University's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Morgan State University's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether Morgan State University complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether Morgan State University complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Morgan State University's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Morgan State University complied, in all material respects, with the Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards program for the Guaranteed Access Grant, Educational Assistance Grant, and the Campus Based Educational Assistance Grant, as noted in the Maryland Higher Education Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance MHEC Independent Audit Manual during the year ended June 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Morgan State University and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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Baltimore, Maryland
May 10, 2024

Summary of Results

FINDING 2023-001: Awarded Amounts

I. Detail of discrepancies and nature of non-compliant student records identified during review:

The amount disbursed per MDCAPS does not match the amount received by the student according to the student’s account history.

Student ID	Amount Awarded to Student per MDCAPS	Amount Awarded per Student Account History
186209	\$2,100	\$2,600
1765439	\$15,300	\$12,700
1374475	\$1,350	\$0
927326	\$1,300	\$0
1780604	\$4,600	\$0

II. Recommendations provided to the institution to resolve findings:

We recommend the institution to establish a formal process to ensure the proper amount is paid to the student.

III. Total amount of award payments that were made improperly:

The chart below outlines each individual student and the difference between what was awarded to the student and what should have been recorded.

Student ID	Amount Institution Received for Student	Amount Awarded per Student Account History	Due to MHEC/(Student)
186209	\$2,100	\$2,600	\$500
1765439	\$15,300	\$12,700	\$(2,600)
1374475	\$1,350	-	\$(1,350)
927326	\$1,300	-	\$(1,300)
1780604	\$4,600	-	\$(4,600)

IV. If applicable, the institution’s formal response outlining corrective actions implemented to resolve the documented findings:

Most recently we have hired a Scholarship and Grants Coordinator. We anticipate hiring a second person in this role before the start of the 2024-2025 academic year. Going forward, the Scholarship and Grants Coordinators will be reviewing reports that will assist with ensuring that ISIR transactions match in both the MSU and MHEC systems. We believe these changes to our procedures and additional staffing in this position will eliminate or at least minimize these types of errors in the future.

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FINDING 2023-002: Student Eligibility

I. Detail of discrepancies and nature of non-compliant student records identified during review:

We noted the student received a grant award amount per MDCAPS for the Spring 2023 semester, but the student was not registered for classes in the Spring 2023 and therefore not eligible for the awards.

Student ID	Amount Awarded to Student per MDCAPS	Amount Awarded per Student Account History
1717193	\$2,300	\$0
1719690	\$3,300	\$0

II. Recommendations provided to the institution to resolve findings:

We recommend the institution to establish a formal process to ensure the proper amount is recorded in MDCAPS.

III. Total amount of award payments that were made improperly:

The chart below outlines each individual student and the difference between what was awarded to the student and what should have been recorded.

Student ID	Amount Institution Received for Student	Amount Awarded per Student Account History	Due to MHEC/(Student)
1717193	\$ 2,300	\$ 0	\$ 2,300
1719690	\$ 3,300	\$ 0	\$ 3,300

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