

## **UTHSC: Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act**

As of October 1, 2012, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center requests that all applicants applying for a public benefit (e.g. Academic Common Market, Residency re-classification, and any other out of state tuition waiver or state funded financial aid/stipends in whole or part etc.) to complete and sign a EVEA (Tennessee Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act) form.

The EVEA requires state public institutions of higher education to verify that persons seeking a “state public benefit” are a United States citizen or otherwise lawfully present in the United States.

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center will verify the accuracy of the applicant’s assertion in one of two ways:

The student completes a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**OR**

The student presents documentation verifying his/her claim of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S. Scanned copies of documents may be sent to the institution via email.

For students claiming **U.S. citizenship**, applicants may submit:

- A completed FAFSA
- A valid Tennessee driver’s license or Photo ID
- A valid driver’s license or Photo ID from another state
- An official birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory (except Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010)
- A U.S. government issued birth certificate
- A valid, unexpired U.S. passport
- A U.S. certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545)
- A report of birth abroad of a citizen of the U.S. (FS-240)
- A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561)
- A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570, or N578)
- A U. S. citizen identification card (I-197, I-179); or
- A social security number that can/may be verified with the Social Security Administration in accordance with Federal law

For students claiming to be an alien lawfully present in the United States, those students must verify their Alien Registration Number or I-94 Admission Number by:

***Completing A FAFSA.*** This option is only available to the following individuals:

- 1) U.S. permanent residents (individuals with an I-151, I-551, or I-551C permanent resident card); and
- 2) Individuals who have an Arrival/Departure record (I-94) showing one of the following designations:
  - Refugee
  - Asylum-Granted
  - Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)
  - Conditional Entrant (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980);