OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION: Students Responsible for Financial Aid Awards

As parents, it may be difficult at times to watch our children grow up and set out on their own. The parental instinct may be to continue to do as much for our children as we can. This desire to help is particularly challenging in the area of college finances, especially student loans and financial aid. The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) believes that parents should have a continuing dialogue with their student about financial aid and the amount of money awarded and needed to pay for school. Therefore, while we encourage parents to discuss the financial aid package with their student, it is still important to note that the student is the only one authorized to log-in and access his or her Enroll and Pay account. Students are also the only ones authorized to accept or decline financial aid awards of any kind. The parent or legal guardian is not legally authorized to log-in or access a student’s Enroll and Pay account.

The OSFA strives to maintain the highest level of security regarding all aspects of a student’s financial account and has implemented a policy to ensure that continued security. In the event that someone other than the student has accepted the student’s financial aid, all accepted financial aid awards will be reset to ‘pending’ status and the student must log-in to his/her Enroll and Pay account and accept the financial aid award(s). Additionally, the student will be notified by the OSFA that the aid has been reset and that the student must log-in to Enroll and Pay to accept the aid. This notification will also include the deadline by which the student must accept aid to avoid cancellation of awarded aid. Also, the student will be strongly encouraged to reset their Enroll and Pay password to guarantee that only the student has access. If you have any questions or concerns with the OSFA policy, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 785-864-4700.
2009-10 STUDENT HANDBOOK ONLINE
The KU Student Handbook provides important information on policies, people, services, campus traditions and organizations. It is a convenient way to find accurate and helpful information about KU.

To see this year's Student Handbook visit: [http://www.studenthandbook.ku.edu/](http://www.studenthandbook.ku.edu/).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DOWNLOADING
It’s a digital age and students are accustomed to having quick access to information and entertainment. Did you know that:

1. music, movies, games and software are protected by federal copyright law?
2. downloading or distributing these materials without the stated permission of the copyright owner is illegal?

If your student uses BitTorrent, Gnutella, eDonkey, Limewire or other file-sharing software to collect or share music, movies, games or software, your student might be violating copyright law. KU acts quickly to respond to complaints of copyright violation that we receive from copyright owners and their representatives, such as the Motion Picture Association of America, the Recording Industry Association of America, the Interactive Digital Software Association and the Business Software Alliance.

Copyright infringing activity violates U.S. copyright law, the KU Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, the University of Kansas Policy on the Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources, and the ResNet Responsible Use Agreement.

You may wish to advise your student to search his or her hard drive for illegally downloaded materials and delete the material before returning to KU. Any copyright infringement notice sent to KU, no matter when the material was downloaded, will result in termination of the internet connection with the right to an appeal.

If you have not watched the 13-minute informal video “What do you think?,” we encourage you and your student to do so. You can find the video at [www.technology.ku.edu/dmca](http://www.technology.ku.edu/dmca). This video presents an informative conversation about intellectual property and file-sharing to encourage students to think about these issues for themselves. (Brought to you by The University of Richmond Intellectual Property Institute and its National CyberEducation Project.)

For complete information on how KU handles illegally downloaded materials, visit: [www.dmca.ku.edu/](http://www.dmca.ku.edu/).

FAMILY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 26, 2009
This year Family Day is combined with Band Day. Saturday, September 26th will be a great day to join your student on campus! There will be lots to do on campus and in Lawrence.

For complete information visit: [www.familyweekend.ku.edu/](http://www.familyweekend.ku.edu/).
PARENT BREAK STATIONS
The move-in weekend can be stressful for new to KU parents. The KU Parent Association will again be hosting Parent Break Stations near the three major student housing complexes of Oliver, GSP-Corbin and the Daisy Hill Halls. The Parent Break stations will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 16th. The stations will be open on Friday, August 14th for parents of women participating in sorority recruitment from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.

We will have seasoned KU parents joining KU staff members in offering parents a cool drink of water, a friendly smile, and answer questions that parents have once their student is moved into the residence halls.

If you would like to volunteer to be one of those seasoned parents working at a Break Station, please send an email to parents@ku.edu with the subject line Break Station. All we ask for is a 2-3 hour time commitment and a friendly smile.

HAWK WEEK INFORMATION
Classes for the fall semester begin on Thursday, August 20th. Hawk Week is the official welcome week for students at KU. The week begins with Union Fest on Sunday, August 16th at 8 p.m. in the Kansas Memorial Union on Jayhawk Boulevard. The entire week is full of fun, information, and programs that highlight the opportunities available to students at KU. Hawk Week events are a great way to meet new friends, learn about University offices, and get involved. To learn more about Hawk Week visit: www.hawkweek.ku.edu/

KU STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION
Housing move-in set for mid-August
The Department of Student Housing is excited to welcome students back to campus!

- Residence halls and scholarship halls open at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2009.
- Jayhawker Towers opens at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009.

Housing will send families a mailing with move-in day details. You’ll also receive information in the mail about options for renting micro-refrigerators and loft bed systems.

If your student is participating in a program that requires an early move-in (such as sorority recruitment, marching band, international student orientation, or a KU sport), the program coordinator will communicate with the Department of Student Housing to arrange early move-in. If you have questions about times, we recommend that you contact the program directly.

If you have questions about KU student housing, contact the Department of Student Housing at 785-864-4560 or housing@ku.edu.

Housing handbook changes
All residents should print and read the 2009-10 KU Student Housing Handbook before arriving on campus. This year’s handbook contains several changes in policy and procedure. A summary of the handbook table of contents will be placed in student rooms before they arrive. The complete handbook is online at www.housing.ku.edu.

Continued renovations of KU housing
The renovated Jayhawker Towers Apartment building A will re-open in August 2009. The upgrades provide an updated apartment living option for students and reinforce the department’s focus on environmental sustainability. There are 72 apartments available in Tower A. As your student continues through his or her KU education, consider on-campus apartment living. It’s convenient, affordable, and safe and secure. The next housing project will be Jayhawker Towers Apartment D and it starts in fall 2009.
ALCOHOL EXPOSURE IN HIGH SCHOOL

According to 2008 research from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, most college students have had experience with alcohol while in high school. By the 12th grade, 72 percent of high school students have had a full drink, 26 percent report engaging in binge drinking in the past 2 weeks, and 55 percent report ever having been drunk. Thus, alcohol education is crucial as we work to reduce underage drinking and the dangerous effects of binge drinking. KU continues to develop programs and policies to address this national challenge.

For more information visit: www.alcohol.ku.edu. For information from the National Institute on Drug Abuse visit: http://www.niaaa.nih.gov.

2010 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Hotels in Lawrence rarely have vacancies over the KU Commencement Weekend. You may wish to book your 2010 reservation now. The Commencement ceremony for 2010 is on Sunday, May 16th. Those students who graduate during Summer 2009, Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 are including in the May 2010 ceremony.

Many of the professional schools and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences hold recognition ceremonies at the end of the fall semester for fall graduates. This is in addition to the May Commencement. More information about dates, times and locations are available from the Dean’s Office of each school or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

HELPFUL LINKS

- KU Parent Association: www.parentassociation.ku.edu
- KU Information Center: www.kuinfo.ku.edu
- KU Alumni Association: www.kualumni.org
- KU Endowment Association: www.kuendowment.org
- KU on Facebook: www.ku.edu/facebook
- KU News: KU news releases are available online at www.news.ku.edu.

Address your questions or comments to parents@ku.edu. Please do not use the "Reply" key to send e-mail messages.