

P-2912 STUDENT AID INCOME EXCLUSIONS (Seasonal Fuel Assistance Rule 2912) (7/1/25, 25-16)

Student Financial Assistance

Like 3SquaresVT, the fuel program excludes certain income when it calculates a household's monthly income. Seasonal Fuel Assistance Rule 2912(a)(7) excludes from income all student financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act and the Bureau of Indian Affairs student assistance programs. Those financial aid programs include:

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
- TEACH Grant
- Federal Stafford Loans
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans, including
 - Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (Federal PLUS Loans)
 - Federal Consolidation Loans
- Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)
- Health Education Assistance Loans (HEAL)
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Grants for Federal Work-Study Programs

Money from these grants and programs cannot be counted when calculating household income for fuel assistances. If you are unsure whether certain financial aid can be excluded from income, contact the Fuel and Utility Programs Team.

Households that receive any form of educational or student financial assistance, regardless of whether the income is excluded, must submit a Form 216 – Student Self Declaration of Financial Aid and Expenses.

See Seasonal Fuel Assistance Rule 2912 for other income exclusions.