

REQUEST FOR PROGRAMMER POSITION

WHITE PAPER FOR 2013-2015 BIENNIAL BUDGET

The Higher Educational Aids Board requests 1 FTE programmer position to support our grant programs. During the past few years we have taken on additional programs and have not received any additional funding to support or maintain the technological portion. We have had a consultant programmer come in to do the programming for the Covenant program but there is still a need to work out any technical issues that come up with the programming itself and our programmer already has more than enough to do. We currently have seventeen grants and loan programs that our one programmer is responsible for. In addition, we also have agreements with Department of Public Instruction, Fund for Wisconsin Scholars and Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation to obtain information for as an on needed basis and this requires additional programming expertise. We also receive requests from the UW research department and the universities for data that requires a program to be written to provide that data. For the last few years we have had problems keeping up with our daily duties because of the increased workload for our programmer. This doesn't let us accomplish our mission in a timely manner and puts additional stress on the universities and students of Wisconsin who are trying to complete their education.

Normally we begin our vouchering process in August and this year we ran into some difficulties with the programming. We had to halt production in late August and part of September so that we could determine what the problems were. During this time we were not able to send the notification list that tells the schools what awards the students receive or produce vouchers that provide the monies to the schools. We have also had many instances in which the students do not complete their FAFSA's accurately and we need to have those corrected which requires additional time for our programmer and support tech.

With the growing need for technology the additional programmer could also work on moving us forward with our system and work towards having a web application and provide more real time data.

We are providing a cost breakdown on the following page and if you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

HEAB PROGRAMMER POSITION REQUEST FOR 2013-14 AND 2014-15

	Adjusted Base	2013-14 Increase	2013-14 Funding	2014-15 Increase	2014-15 Funding	Biennial Funding
Salary	518,800	34,500	553,300	46,000	599,300	80,500
Fringe	212,600	13,200	225,800	17,600	243,400	30,800
Supplies and Services	244,100	7,000	251,100	3,500	254,600	10,500