



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Any coeducational postsecondary institution that participates in the Federal student financial assistance programs and has an intercollegiate athletic program is required by section 485(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1092(g) (also known as the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act or EADA) to participate in the annual EADA data collection. This survey collects athletic program participation rates and financial support data for a 12-month period.

As in prior years, the EADA Survey will be administered via a Web-based system that can be accessed only by a designated member of your staff. We urge you to promptly appoint someone who is familiar with intercollegiate athletic program participation rates, revenues, and expenses, and to forward the enclosed Registration Certificate to this individual. Please ask your appointee to register as soon as the website opens on September 14, 2016, using the new ID and password for this year shown on the Registration Certificate. Once registered, all communications for this survey will go to your appointee by e-mail and she/he will be responsible for your institution's data submission during the September 14, 2016, through October 28, 2016 collection period, including confirming its accuracy, and "locking" the data for transmission to the Department of Education. Once your institution's data have been reviewed, they will be made available to the general public at <http://ope.ed.gov/athletics>.

Remember, providing this information is required as a condition of your institution's continued participation in the Federal student financial assistance programs. To ensure the timeliness of this survey, we will contact you again if someone from your institution does not register promptly once the website opens on September 14, 2016. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact the survey help desk by phone at 1-888-233-5421 or by e-mail at [eadahelp@westat.com](mailto:eadahelp@westat.com).

With your help we anticipate achieving a 100 percent response rate by the close of data collection again this year. I appreciate your cooperation and effort in this endeavor, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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