



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

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In the Matter of

**Docket No. 06-12-DA**

**JENNIFER WILSON WHITE**

Debarment Action

Respondent.

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Appearances: Jennifer Wilson White, Chickasha, Oklahoma, for herself.

Russell B. Wolff, Esq., of the Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Education, Washington, D.C., for the Notice Debarment and Suspension Official.

Before: Judge Ernest C. Canellos

**DECISION**

On March 24, 2006, the U. S. Department of Education's Notice Debarment and Suspension Official (NDSO) notified the Respondent of a proposed government-wide debarment from all Federal procurement and non-procurement transactions under authority of 34 C.F.R Part 85. The basis for such action was that Respondent fraudulently obtained federal funds while employed as the Financial Aid Director at the Oklahoma City Campus of Oklahoma State University (OSU). In response, on April 28, 2006, the Respondent requested that she not be debarred or, in the alternative, not make any debarment effective until after October 1, 2006.

After having been assigned to adjudicate this issue, on June 27, 2006, I issued an Order Governing Proceedings in this case. Under such order, NDSO's representative and the Respondent were to file briefs setting forth the basis of their respective positions. The NDSO filed its brief on July 25, 2006. The Respondent did not file her brief by the scheduled date for submission; however, in lieu thereof, I will consider the contents of her letter, dated April 28, 2006, as her position.

Upon review of the record, I find that there are no material facts that are in dispute. It is clear that the Respondent, while acting in her official capacity as the Financial Aid Director at OSU,

fraudulently secured for herself federal student aid funds that she was not entitled to. It is also evident that when the scheme was uncovered, Respondent paid back the federal funds and paid \$5000 as a civil penalty. I find that these violations are serious and constitute cause for debarment under the provisions of 34 C.F.R § 85.800(a)(3) and (4).

### **ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is ORDERED that, effective on October 1, 2006, Jennifer Wilson White is debarred from participating in any covered transaction under federal procurement and non-procurement programs and activities of any federal agency. As a consequence, she is not eligible to receive federal financial and non-financial assistance or benefits from any federal agency under procurement and non-procurement programs and activities. Also, she may not act as a principal on behalf of any person in connection with any covered transaction. A principal is defined in 34 C.F.R § 85.995 and includes any key employee or other person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over a covered transaction. This debarment is effective for all covered transactions unless an agency head or authorized designee grants an exception for a particular transaction in accordance with the provisions of 34 C.F.R § 85.120.

Under 34 C.F.R § 85.865, the period of debarment is to be commensurate with the seriousness of the cause for debarment. I find that the established wrongdoing and ethical failures constitute a serious threat to governmental programs. Accordingly, I have determined that the period of debarment shall be three years.

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Ernest C. Canellos  
Chief Judge

Dated: September 25, 2006

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