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**Fee Estimate for 17-02418-F**

3 messages

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To: "habash@tcf.org" <habash@tcf.org>  
Cc: "Swafford, Christie" <Christie.Swafford@ed.gov>

Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 11:37 AM

Dear Mr. Habash:

Federal Student Aid is in receipt of your request which sought all communications and documents dating back to July 1, 2016, regarding the ownership or control of Kaplan University, including discussion of any potential change of ownership, sale, or acquisition. I also request all communications and documents regarding the conversion of Kaplan University from a for-profit to a nonprofit entity.

Please note that Department of Education FOIA regulations may require an advance payment, if estimated fees are expected to exceed \$250, except where the Department receives a satisfactory assurance of full payment from the requester with a history of prompt payment of FOIA fees, 34 C.F.R. § 5.32(g)(2). At this time, we **estimate** your request will cost **\$2,070**; this includes search and review time; additional fees can still be incurred, if necessary.

We will place your request on hold for ten (10) business days from the date of this correspondence, for you to provide assurance of payment, or narrow the scope of your request. If you agree to narrow the scope of the request, we can coordinate a tele-conference with our subject matter experts, to aid you in this process. Again, we require a response from you within ten (10) business days from the date of this letter, if we do not hear from you, we will presume you are no longer interested and will cease processing this request. You may at that time, submit a new request.

Thank you for your interest in the mission of the Department of Education, Federal Student Aid. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

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Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 4:29 PM

Lori,

Thank you for reaching out about this. I wanted to follow up about my fee waiver request. I understand that I have 10 business days to either choose to narrow the scope or provide assurance of payment, but since I have not received a determination of my fee waiver request, I am waiting for clarification before I can decide my next step in this process. If possible, can you let me know the status of my fee waiver request, since the reason for the request is in the public interest because it will likely contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and importantly is not in my commercial interest.

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Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 11:53 AM

Lori and Christie,

I am following up about this request, to find out if there has been a determination of my fee waiver request. I am willing to narrow the scope as well, but have not heard back from either of you or anyone else from the FOIA office.

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