

Ethical Principles of the Financial Aid

The primary goal of the financial aid professional is to help students achieve their educational goals through financial support and resources. The following guidelines were last updated by Khazar University's Board of Directors and Trustees in November 2021.

Statement of Ethical Principles:

Advocate for students

- Remain aware of issues affecting students and continually advocate for their interests at the institutional level.
- Support and institutional efforts to encourage students, as early as the elementary grades, to aspire to and plan for education beyond high school.

Manifest the highest level of integrity

- Commit to the highest level of ethical behavior and refrain from conflict of interest or the perception thereof.
- Deal with others honestly and fairly, abiding by our commitments and always acting in a manner that merits the trust and confidence others have placed in us.
- Protect the privacy of individual student financial records.
- Promote the free expression of ideas and opinions, and foster respect for diverse viewpoints within the profession.

Support student access and success

- Commit to removing financial barriers for those who want to pursue postsecondary learning and support each student admitted to our institution.
- Without charge, assist students in applying for financial aid funds.
- Provide services and apply principles that do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, age, or economic status.
- Understand the need for financial education and commit to educate students and families on how to responsibly manage expenses and debt.

Strive for transparency and clarity

- Provide students and parents with the information they need to make good decisions about attending and paying for Khazar University.
- Educate students and families through quality information that is consumer-tested when possible. This includes (but is not limited to) transparency and full disclosure on award notices.
- Ensure equity by applying all need-analysis formulas consistently across the institution's full population of student financial aid applicants.

- Inform institutions, students, and parents of any changes in financial aid programs that could affect their student aid eligibility.
- Strive to ensure that cost of attendance components are developed using resources that represent realistic expenses.

Protect the privacy of financial aid applicants

- Ensure that student and parent private information provided to the financial aid office by financial aid applicants is protected.
- Protect the information from inappropriate use by ensuring that this information is only used for the application, award, and administration of aid awarded.