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The Montana Compact on Financial Aid for college students is leading the nation in its standardization of application procedures.

Jerry Murphy, financial aid officer for the University of Montana and in his second year as president of the Compact, reported standardization efforts between the nine four-year degree colleges in Montana have won Federal approval.

James Moore, acting director of the College Financial Aid Division of the Federal Office of Education, is considering the Montana college cooperation in student Work-Study programs for a nation-wide procedure guide.

Included in the Compact's standardizations are the financial report forms, application forms, deadlines and financial need analysis methods.

"No matter how many colleges a Montana high school graduate may consider attending, he will experience only one set of instructions for filling out financial aid requests," Murphy explained.

Vice president of the Compact is Tom Monahan of Carroll College in Helena. Lowell Dunlop of Eastern Montana College in Billings is secretary.

Other institutional members of the compact are Montana State University at Bozeman, Montana School of Mineral Science and Technology in Butte, Northern Montana College in Havre, Western Montana College in Dillon, Rocky Mountain College in Billings, College of Great Falls, Dawson College in Glendive, and Miles Community College, in Miles City.