

# High School Diploma & Alternatives

## Documentation of high school completion status:

### High school diploma—

- ❖ High school diploma; or
- ❖ Final high school transcript that shows the date the high school diploma was awarded

*Note: If a copy of an applicant's high school diploma or final high school transcript is unavailable, the institution may accept alternative documentation.*

### Recognized equivalent of a high school diploma—

- ❖ General Educational Development (GED) Certificate;
- ❖ State certificate received by a student after the student has passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma;
- ❖ Academic transcript of a student who has successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree; or
- ❖ For a person who is seeking enrollment in an educational program that leads to at least an associate degree or its equivalent and has not completed high school but has excelled academically in high school, documentation from the high school that the student excelled academically in high school and documentation from the postsecondary institution that the student has met the formalized, written policies of the postsecondary institution for admitting such students

### Homeschooled—

- ❖ Transcript or the equivalent, signed by the parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses completed by the applicant and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education; or
- ❖ A secondary school completion credential for home school (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent) provided for under State law