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#### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Talent Search (TS) and

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Annual Performance Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 596.

*Burden Hours:* 3,576.

*Abstract:* Talent Search and Equal Opportunity Centers grantees must submit this annual performance report. The Department uses the reports to evaluate the performance of grantees prior to awarding continuation funding and to assess grantees' prior experience

at the end of the budget period. The Department will also aggregate the data across grantees to provide descriptive information on the programs and to analyze its outcomes in response to the Government Performance and Results Act.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Academic Competitiveness Grant, and National Science and Mathematics Access To Retain Talent Grant Programs**

**ACTION:** Notice of deadline dates for receipt of applications, reports, and other records for the 2007-2008 award year.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces deadline dates for the receipt of documents and other information from institutions and applicants for the Federal student aid programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for the 2007-2008 award year. The Federal student aid programs include the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan,

Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant) programs.

These programs, administered by the U.S. Department of Education (Department), provide financial assistance to students attending eligible postsecondary educational institutions to help them pay their educational costs.

*Deadline and Submission Dates:* See Tables A and B at the end of this notice.

#### **Table A—Deadline Dates for Application Processing and Receipt of Student Aid Reports (SARs) or Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) by Institutions**

Table A provides information and deadline dates for application processing, including receipt of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and corrections to and signatures for the FAFSA, submission and receipt of SARS and ISIRS, and submission and receipt of verification documents.

The single date for the receipt of a FAFSA is June 30, 2008, regardless of the method that the applicant uses to submit the FAFSA. The deadline date for the submission and receipt of a signature page for the FAFSA (if required), corrections, changes of addresses or schools, or requests for a duplicate SAR is September 22, 2008. Verification documents must be submitted and received no later than the earlier of 120 days after the student's last date of enrollment or September 29, 2008.

SARS and ISIRS with an official expected family contribution for all Federal student aid programs except Parent PLUS must be submitted and received no later than the earlier of the student's last date of enrollment or September 29, 2008. A valid SAR or valid ISIR for a student not meeting the conditions for a late disbursement for purposes only of the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant programs must be submitted and received no later than the earlier of the student's last date of enrollment or September 29, 2008. A valid SAR or valid ISIR for a student meeting the conditions for a late disbursement under the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant programs must be submitted and received according to the deadline dates provided below.

Under the current provisions of 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i), an institution may make a late disbursement for a student no later than 120 days after the date of the institution's determination that the student withdrew or, for a student who did not withdraw, 120 days after the date the student otherwise became ineligible. Under the current regulations, on an exception basis, we may approve a late disbursement after the 120-day period if the reason that the late disbursement was not made within that 120-day period was not the fault of the student. The valid SAR or valid ISIR for a student meeting the conditions for a late disbursement under the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant programs must be submitted and received no later than the earlier of the timeframes provided in 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i) or September 29, 2008.

On November 1, 2007, we published final regulations in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 62014, 62029) that among other things amended 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i) regarding late disbursements. Amended 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i) is effective July 1, 2008, unless an institution chooses to implement this amended provision earlier than July 1, 2008. Amended 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i) provides that an institution may not make a late disbursement later than 180 days after the date of the institution's determination that the student withdrew or, for a student who did not withdraw, 180 days after the date the student otherwise became ineligible. The amended regulations do not provide for an extension to this 180-day period.

If an institution chooses to implement the amended provisions earlier than July 1, 2008, we are providing in Table A that an institution must receive a valid SAR or valid ISIR no later than 180 days after its determination of a student's withdrawal or, for a student who did not withdraw, 180 days after the date the student otherwise became ineligible, but not later than September 29, 2008.

We will not accept a request for an extension of the 120-day period under the current regulations after June 30, 2008.

#### **Table B—Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant Programs Submission Dates for Disbursement Information by Institutions**

Table B provides the earliest submission and deadline dates for

institutions to submit Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant disbursement records to the Department's Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System and deadline dates for requests for administrative relief if the institution cannot meet the established deadline for specified reasons.

In general, an institution must submit Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant disbursement records no later than 30 days after making a Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant disbursement or becoming aware of the need to adjust a student's previously reported Federal Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant disbursement. In accordance with the regulations in 34 CFR 668.164, we consider that Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant funds are disbursed on the date that the institution: (a) Credits those funds to a student's account in the institution's general ledger or any subledger of the general ledger, or (b) pays those funds to a student directly. We consider that Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant funds are disbursed even if an institution uses its own funds in advance of receiving program funds from the Department. An institution's failure to submit disbursement records within the required 30-day timeframe may result in an audit or program review finding. In addition, the Secretary may initiate an adverse action, such as a fine or other penalty for such failure.

#### **Other Sources for Detailed Information**

We publish a detailed discussion of the Federal student aid application process in the following publications:

- *2007–2008 Funding Education Beyond High School.*
- *2007–2008 Counselors and Mentors Handbook.*
- *2007–2008 ISIR Guide.*
- *2007–2008 Federal Student Aid Handbook.*

Additional information on the institutional reporting requirements for the Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant programs is contained in the 2007–2008 *Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Technical Reference*. You may access this reference by selecting "Software Technical References" under the heading "Publications" at the Information for Financial Aid

Professionals Web site at: <http://www.ifap.ed.gov>.

**Applicable Regulations:** The following regulations apply: (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668, (2) Federal Pell Grant Program, 34 CFR part 690, and (3) Academic Competitiveness Grant and National Science and Mathematics Access To Retain Talent Grant Programs, 34 CFR part 691.

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Table A. Deadline Dates for Application Processing and Receipt of Student Aid Reports (SARs) or Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) by Institutions			
Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What is the deadline date for receipt?
Student	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – “FAFSA on the Web” (original or renewal) Signature Page (if required)	Electronically to the Department’s Central Processing System (CPS)  To the address printed on the signature page	June 30, 2008 <sup>1</sup>  September 22, 2008
Student through an Institution	An electronic FAFSA (original or renewal)	Electronically to the Department’s CPS	June 30, 2008 <sup>1</sup>
Student	A paper original FAFSA	To the address printed on the FAFSA or envelope provided with the form	June 30, 2008
Student	Electronic corrections to FAFSA using “Corrections on the Web” Paper signature (if required) for “Corrections on the Web”	Electronically to the Department’s CPS  To the address printed on the signature page	September 22, 2008 <sup>1</sup>  September 22, 2008
Student through an Institution	Electronic corrections to FAFSA	Electronically to the Department’s CPS	September 22, 2008 <sup>1</sup>
Student	Paper corrections to FAFSA using a SAR, including change of mailing and e-mail addresses or institutions	To the address printed on the SAR	September 22, 2008
Student	Change of mailing and e-mail addresses, change of institutions, or requests for a duplicate SAR	To the Federal Student Aid Information Center by calling 1-800-433-3243	September 22, 2008
Student	SAR with an official expected family contribution (EFC) calculated by the Department’s CPS (except Parent PLUS)	To the institution	The earlier of: - the student’s last date of enrollment; or - September 29, 2008 <sup>2</sup>
Student through CPS	ISIR with an official EFC calculated by the Department’s CPS (except Parent PLUS)	To the institution from the Department’s CPS	The earlier of: - the student’s last date of enrollment; or - September 29, 2008 <sup>2</sup>

Student	Valid SAR (Pell, ACG, and National SMART Grant Only)	To the institution	Except for a student meeting the conditions for a late disbursement under 34 CFR 668.164(g), the earlier of: - the student's last date of enrollment; or - September 29, 2008 <sup>2</sup> For a student meeting the conditions for a late disbursement under current regulations at 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i), the earlier of: - the timeframes provided at 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i); or - September 29, 2008 <sup>2</sup> For a student receiving a late disbursement under 34 CFR 668.164(g)(4)(i), as amended on November 1, 2007 (72 FR 62029), the earlier of: - 180 days after the date of the institution's determination that the student withdrew or otherwise became ineligible; or - September 29, 2008 <sup>2</sup>
Student through CPS	Valid ISIR (Pell, ACG, and National SMART Grant Only)	To the institution from the Department's CPS	
Student	Verification documents	To the institution	The earlier of: <sup>3</sup> - 120 days after the student's last date of enrollment; or - September 29, 2008 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The deadline for electronic transactions is 11:59 p.m. (Central Time) on the deadline date. Transmissions must be completed and accepted before 12:00 midnight to meet the deadline. If transmissions are started before 12:00 midnight but are not completed until after 12:00 midnight, those transmissions do not meet the deadline. In addition, any transmission submitted on or just prior to the deadline date that is rejected may not be reprocessed because the deadline will have passed by the time the user gets the information notifying him/her of the rejection.

<sup>2</sup> The date the ISIR/SAR transaction was processed by CPS is considered to be the date the institution received the ISIR or SAR regardless of whether the institution has downloaded the ISIR from its SAIG mailbox or when the student submits the SAR to the institution.

<sup>3</sup> Although the Secretary has set this deadline date for the submission of verification documents, if corrections are required, deadline dates for submission of paper or electronic corrections and, for a Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Grant, the submission of a valid SAR or valid ISIR to the institution must still be met. An institution may establish an earlier deadline for the submission of verification documents for purposes of the campus-based programs, the FFEL Program, and the Federal Direct Loan Program. Students completing verification and submitting a valid SAR or valid ISIR while no longer enrolled will be paid based on the higher of the two EFCs.

Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What are the earliest disbursement, submission, and deadline dates for receipt?
Institutions	At least one acceptable disbursement record must be submitted for each Federal Pell Grant recipient, ACG recipient, and National SMART Grant recipient at the institution.	To the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System using either: - the COD Web site at: <a href="http://www.cod.ed.gov">www.cod.ed.gov</a> ; or - the Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG)	<p>Earliest Disbursement Date: July 1, 2007</p> <p>Earliest Submission Dates:</p> <p>An institution may submit actual or anticipated disbursement information as early as June 21, 2007<sup>1</sup>, but actual disbursement information no earlier than:</p> <p>(a) Under the advance payment method:            (1) 30 calendar days prior to the disbursement date of a Federal Pell Grant; or            (2) 7 calendar days prior to the disbursement date of an ACG or National SMART Grant;</p> <p>(b) 7 calendar days prior to the disbursement date under the Just-in-Time or Cash Monitoring #1 payment method; or</p> <p>(c) The date of disbursement under the Reimbursement or Cash Monitoring #2 payment methods.</p> <p>Deadline Submission Dates:</p> <p>Except as provided below, an institution is required to submit disbursement information no later than the earlier of:</p> <p>(a) 30 calendar days after the institution makes a disbursement or becomes aware of the need to make an adjustment to previously reported disbursement data; or</p> <p>(b) September 30, 2008.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>An institution may submit disbursement information after September 30, 2008, only:</p> <p>(a) for a downward adjustment of a previously reported award or disbursement;</p> <p>(b) based upon a program review or initial audit finding per 34 CFR 690.83 or 691.83;</p> <p>(c) for reporting a late disbursement under 34 CFR 668.164(g); or</p> <p>(d) for reporting disbursements previously</p>

Institutions	Request for administrative relief based on a natural disaster or other unusual circumstances, or an administrative error made by the Department	Via COD Web site at: <a href="http://www.cod.ed.gov">www.cod.ed.gov</a>	blocked as a result of another institution failing to post a downward adjustment.
Institutions	Request for administrative relief if a student reenters the institution within 180 days after initially withdrawing and the institution is reporting a disbursement for the student within 30 days of the student's reenrollment but after September 30, 2008 <sup>2</sup>	Via COD Web site at: <a href="http://www.cod.ed.gov">www.cod.ed.gov</a>	The earlier of: - a date designated by the Secretary after consultation with the institution; or - February 2, 2009  The earlier of: - 30 days after the student reenrolls; or - May 1, 2009

<sup>1</sup> The deadline for electronic transactions is 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on September 30, 2008. Transmissions must be completed and accepted before 12:00 midnight to meet the deadline. If transmissions are started before 12:00 midnight but are not completed until after 12:00 midnight, those transmissions will not meet the deadline. In addition, any transmission submitted on or just prior to the deadline date that is rejected may not be reprocessed because the deadline will have passed by the time the user gets the information notifying him/her of the rejection.

<sup>2</sup> Applies only to students enrolled in clock-hour and nonterm credit-hour educational programs.

NOTE: The COD System must accept origination data for a student from an institution before it accepts disbursement information from the institution for that student. Institutions may submit origination and disbursement data for a student in the same transmission. However, if the origination data is rejected, the disbursement data is rejected.