# SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Student Aid Origination Team, Programs Systems Service, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

A student who has received a Federal Pell Grant, should presume that a record exists. If you wish to determine whether a record exists regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager and provide your name, social security number and date of birth. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

# RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

If you wish to gain access to a record in this system, you should contact the system manager and provide information as described in the Notification Procedure. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to change the content of a record in the system of records, you should contact the system manager with the information described in the Notification Procedure, identify the specific items to be changed and provide a written justification for the change. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.7.

# RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system is obtained from origination and disbursement records provided by the school or its agent to the Department of Education.

# SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

18-11-03

# SYSTEM NAME:

Student Financial Assistance Validation File.

# SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

# SYSTEM LOCATION:

Debt Collection, Division of Certification and Program Review, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Seventh and D Streets, SW., Room 4520, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202.

### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

This system contains records on applicants and recipients of student financial assistance.

#### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

This system consists of student financial assistance application, award and servicing forms and documentation.

# AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

#### PURPOSE(S):

The information in this system is used to determine program eligibility and benefits, enforce the conditions and terms of the loan or grant, permit the servicing and collecting of the loan or grant, counsel the individual in repayment efforts, investigate possible fraud and verify compliance with program regulations, locate a delinquent or defaulted debtor, and initiate legal action against an individual involved in program fraud or abuse.

# ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

The Department of Education (Department) may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. These disclosures may be made on a case-by-case basis or, if the Department has complied with the computer matching requirements of the Act, under a computer matching agreement.

(1) Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Disclosures.

(a) Introduction. In the event that one of the parties listed below is involved in litigation or ADR, or has an interest in litigation ADR, the Department may disclose certain records to the parties described in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this routine use under the conditions specified in those paragraphs:

(i) The Department of Education, or any component of the Department; or

(ii) Any Department employee in his or her official capacity; or

(iii) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity if the Department of Justice (DOJ) has agreed to provide or arrange for representation for the employee;

(iv) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or

(v) The United States where the Department determines that the

litigation is likely to affect the Department or any of its components.

(b) Disclosure to the DOJ. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to the DOJ is relevant and necessary to litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the DOJ.

(c) Administrative Disclosures. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to an adjudicative body before which the Department is authorized to appear, an individual or entity designated by the Department or otherwise empowered to resolve or mediate disputes is relevant and necessary to the administrative litigation, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the adjudicative body, individual, or entity.

(d) Parties, counsels, representatives and witnesses. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to a party, counsel, representative or witness in an administrative proceeding is relevant and necessary to the litigation, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the party, counsel, representative or witness.

(2) Congressional Member Disclosure. The Department may disclose records to a member of Congress from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the member made at the written request of that individual. The member's right to the information is no greater than the right of the individual who requested it.

(3) Program Disclosures. Any information from this system of records, including personal information obtained from other agencies through computer matching programs, may be disclosed to any third party through a computer matching program in connection with an individual's application or participation in any grant or loan program administered by the Department of Education. Purposes of these disclosures may be to determine program eligibility and benefits, enforce the conditions and terms of the loan or grant, permit the servicing and collecting of the loan or grant, counsel the individual in repayment efforts, investigate possible fraud and verify compliance with program regulations, locate a delinquent or defaulted debtor, and initiate legal action against an individual involved in program fraud or abuse.

#### DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12): The Department may disclose to a consumer reporting agency information regarding a claim which is

determined to be valid and overdue as follows: (1) The name, address, taxpayer identification number and other information necessary to establish the identity of the individual responsible for the claim; (2) the amount, status, and history of the claim; and (3) the program under which the claim arose. The Department may disclose the information specified in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12) and the procedures contained in subsection 31 U.S.C. 3711(f). A consumer reporting agency to which these disclosures may be made is defined at 31 U.S.C.3701(a)(3).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

#### STORAGE:

Records are maintained in standard file cabinets.

#### RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are indexed by name.

#### SAFEGUARDS:

Access is restricted to authorized staff only and files are maintained in locked cabinets.

#### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained until resolved and then transferred to the Federal Records Center.

# SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Division of Certification and Program Review, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4520, ROB–3, Washington, DC 20202.

# NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If you wish to determine whether a record exists regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

# RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

If you wish to gain access to a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

# CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.7.

#### **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system is obtained from application data, incoming correspondence and related material, obtained during course of investigation; Program System Service (PSS), National Student Loan Data Systems Division (NSLDS).

# SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

#### 18-11-05

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Title IV Program Files.

#### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

# SYSTEM LOCATION:

Program System Service, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Seventh and D Streets, SW., Room 4640, ROB– 3, Washington, DC 20202–5258.

Computer Sciences Corporation, Meridan, Connecticut.

# CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

This system contains records on the following individuals:

- (1) Individuals who apply for Federal financial student aid;
  - (2) Recipients of Pell Grants;
- (3) Recipients of Federal Direct Student Loans; and
- (4) Borrowers whose loan defaulted or borrower died, became disabled or had a loan discharged in bankruptcy under the Federal Direct Student Loan Program.

# CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

This system contains records regarding the amount of Pell Grant applicant receives; applicant's demographic background, loan, and educational status; family income; Social Security number; address and telephone number; and employment information on borrowers and cosigners; default claim number; amount of claim; information pertaining to locating a borrower; collection and repayment history; information pertaining to the amount of the loan and repayment obligation; forbearance; cancellation; disability; and deferment information.

# **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Higher Education Act of 1965, Titles IV-A, IV-B, IV-D, and IV-E, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070–1070a–6, 1070b–1070b–3, 1071–1087–2, 1087a, 1087aa–hh).

## PURPOSE(S):

The information maintained in this system is used for the purposes of determining program eligibility and benefits, verifying the identity of the individual, enforcing the conditions and terms of the loan or grant, permitting the servicing and collecting of the loan or grant, counseling the individual in repayment efforts, investigating possible fraud and verifying compliance with program regulations, locating a delinquent or defaulted debtor or locating a recipient owing an overpayment on a grant, initiating legal action against an individual involved in program fraud, abuse, or noncompliance, and enforcing Title IV requirements against schools, lenders, and guaranty agencies.

# ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The Department of Education (Department) may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected under the following routine uses:

(1) *Program Disclosures.* ED may disclose records for the following

program purposes:

- (a) To verify the identity of the applicant, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial agencies or institutions, Federal, State or local agencies, private parties such as relatives, present and former employers and creditors, contractors, business and personal associates and consumer reporting agencies.
- (b) To determine program eligibility and benefits, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial agencies or institutions, Federal, State or local agencies, private parties such as relatives, present and former employers and creditors, contractors, business and personal associates and consumer reporting agencies.
- (c) To facilitate default reduction efforts by program participants, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial agencies or institutions, Federal, State or local agencies, consumer reporting agencies, contractors and hearing officials.
- (d) To enforce the conditions or terms of the loan, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial agencies or institutions, Federal, State or local agencies, private parties such as relatives, present and