Pell Grant LEU

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Topics for discussion

- Provisions and Regulations
- Collecting LEU Data
  - How did ED determine student's LEU?
- Disseminating LEU Data
  - To Students
  - To Institutions
- Calculating Remaining Eligibility
- Timely Reporting
- Inaccurate Data
- Declining Pell Grants
- IASG Eligibility
- FSEOG Eligibility
- Institutional Survey
  - What are institution's doing to help student's?

Provisions & Regulations

- Enacted on 12/23/2011 by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-74)
  - Amended HEA Section 401(c)(5)
- Became Effective During the 2012-2013 AY (7/1/12)
  - 600% maximum limit
  - 12 Full Time Semesters (or its equivalent)
  - Affects all Pell Eligible Recipients

Collecting LEU Data

- How Did ED Determine LEU's for Students?
  - Complied Data from all Pell Legacy Systems (1973-1974 forward)
  - Converted scheduled award used amounts to percentages based on semester equivalents
  - Uploaded Calculated LEU Percentage to Existing Student Records on NSLDS (July 2012)
  - New Records Added as FSA Recipient Information is Accepted

Disseminating LEU Information
Student Notifications

- Emails Sent between April 16 & July 1, 2012 to Students:
  - Who submitted a 2012-2013 FAFSA
  - Whose Pell LEU was greater than 500%
  - Emails Indicated:
    - Between 500 – 599% - That They may be Eligible for less Pell Grant than Originally Communicated on his/her SAR
    - At 600% and above - That They were No Longer Eligible for Pell Grant Funds
    - Both emails Referred Students to their Institution's Financial Aid Office if they had Questions or Concerns
- After July 1, 2012, Students were notified via their SAR

Disseminating LEU Information
Student Notifications

- Current 2012-2013 and Upcoming 2013-2014 Award Year Student's will Receive Information:
  - Via Initial or Subsequent SAR's
  - Via NSLDS (student version)
  - Institution's may Provide copies of COD Transcripts to Student's

Disseminating LEU Information
School Notifications

- Several Dear Colleague Letters (DCL) and Electronic Announcements (EA) were generated
  - Beginning With DCL on 1/18/12 Notifying Schools that the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 was enacted.
- In Mid April 2012 – FSA began sending weekly reports to Institutions via COD
  - 12/13 Pell Eligible Applicants who were at 450% and above
  - Information only for students who were awarded between 1993-1994 and 2011-2012 Award Years.

Disseminating LEU Information
School Notifications

- In June 2012 FSA began updating COD with historical Pell Grant Data
  - Included Pell Grant Recipients from 1973-1974 to present
  - Did not become available to Institution's until July 2012
  - Conflicting Information between COD and NSLDS

COD should be the System of Record for ALL Pell Grant LEU Data

Disseminating LEU Data
School Notifications

- COD should be considered to have the MOST ACCURATE information regarding Pell LEU
- COD can be used to look up individual student PELL LEU information
  - Pell Person Information Page
  - Pell LEU History Page
  - Export Summary in Excel Format
  - Warning Edits given with Origination and/or Disbursement Records
  - SAIG Reports
    - Pell Grant Multiple Reporting Record (MMR)
    - Pell Grant Reconciliation Report
    - Pell Grant Year to Date File

Disseminating LEU Information
School Notifications

- TODAY through June 30, 2013 Institutions should:
  - Continue to use the COD 2012-2013 Pell LEU weekly report to identify Pell eligible applicants whose LEU is 450% or higher
    - Found in the Pell Newsbox on COD reporting website
    - CSV Format for easy importing and sorting
- For the 2013-2014 Award Year Schools will use
  - Pell LEU Report found on SAIG

Disseminating LEU Data
Pell Person Information Page

Disseminating LEU Data
Pell LEU History Page

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Pell LEU History Page

Disseminating LEU Data

Pell LEU History Page Excel Summary

Disseminating LEU Data

Pell LEU COD Warning Edits

- **Provided During Origination and/or Disbursement Records**
- ***NOTE:*** **Origination will not be Rejected if Student has Surpassed LEU however a Disbursement Request will be.**

Edit #	Message
177	Lifetime Percentage of Eligibility Used is near the lifetime limit
178	Lifetime Percentage of Eligibility Used has exceeded the lifetime limit

Disseminating LEU Data

CPS

- LEU Info will be on page immediately following signature page.
- NSLDS Pre-Screening Flag
  - H High (450% to <500%)
  - C Close (500% to <600%)
  - E Meets or Exceeds (600% or greater)

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2013-2014 Institutional Student Information Record

XXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
999-99-9999
CCYY-CCYY NSLDS FINANCIAL AID HISTORY                          Processed: MM/DD/CCYY
This page contains your previous financial aid information, which is contained in the
National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Your Financial Aid Administrator will use
it to determine your eligibility.
*****************************************************************************************
#Discharged #Fraud  #Defaulted #Loan Sat.  #Active    #Post Screening  #TEACH
Loan Flag:Y Loans:Y Loans:Y    Repayment:Y Bnkrptcy:N Reason:  99.99 99 Loan:Y
Unusual Enrollment History:  X    #Overpayment: Contact:
ACG:                                                                   LEU %    Lifetime
                                                                                Limit Flag
Pell:                                      X   XXXXXXXXXXXXXX  9999.999%        X
M.SMART:                                   X   99999999
TEACH:                                     X   99999999
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant:        X   99999999
FSEOG:                                     X   99999999
Perkins:
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Disseminating LEU Data

NSLDS

#	Award Year	Scheduled Amount	Award Amount	Disbursed Amount	% Sched. Award Used by Award Yr	Latest Disb	Posted by COD
	2012 - 2013	$5,550	$5,550	$2,225	50.0000	07/12/2012	07/12/2012
		FSA NSLDS COLLEGE 00301000			EFC: 0	Ver. Flag: V	Tran: 01
		1st Time: No	Additional Eligibility: N/A		Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent: No		
	2011 - 2012	$4,050	$4,050	$1,013	25.0123	01/01/2012	01/02/2012
		FSA NSLDS COLLEGE 00301000			EFC: 1240	Ver. Flag: N/A	Tran: 01
		1st Time: No	Additional Eligibility: N/A		Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent: No		

Disseminating LEU Data

NSLDS

- Reason Codes
  - Only available for Pell Grant Eligible Students:

Code	Warning	Threshold
E	Meets or Exceeds Pell Grant LEU Limit	Greater than or equal to 600.000%
C	Close to Pell Grant LEU Limit	Between 500.001% and 599.999%
H	High Percentage Warning	Between 400.000% and 500.000%*
N	No Problem	Less than or equal to 399.999%

Calculating Remaining Eligibility

Examples of Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used		Student A	Student B	Student C
Award Year 1	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	$5,550	$5,000	$4,000
	Pell Grant Amount Received	$2,775	$3,750	$4,000
	Percent Used	50%	75%	100%
Award Year 2	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	$5,200	$5,000	$5,550
	Pell Grant Amount Received	$5,200	$5,000	$5,550
	Percent Used	100%	100%	100%
Award Year 3	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	$4,700	$5,000	$5,550
	Pell Grant Amount Received	$4,700	$1,250	$5,550
	Percent Used	100%	25%	100%
Total Lifetime Eligibility Used — LEU		250%	200%	300%

Calculating Remaining Eligibility

- Student's with Less than 100% LEU Remaining
  - You cannot divide the remaining LEU % by the terms of enrollment
  - The Institution must compare the student's calculated eligible amount for the enrollment period to the remaining eligible dollar amount of the students LEU

Calculating Remaining Eligibility

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- EFC = O / $2775 award per term / Is enrolled Full Time for the Fall and Spring Terms.
  - Student has used 525.000% LEU
  - 600.000% - 525.000% = 75.000% - LEU % Left
  - $5550.00 x .75 = $4162.50 – Maximum Award Amount
  - DO NOT ROUND UP!

Disbursement Type	FALL	SPR	SUM
Semester	50%	25%	0%
Payment	$2775	$1387	$0

Calculating Remaining Eligibility

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- EFC = O / $2775 award per term / Is enrolled Full Time for the Fall and Spring Terms.
  - Student has used 566.425% LEU
  - 600.000% - 566.425% = 33.575% - LEU % Left
  - $5550.00 x .33575 = $1,678.75 – Maximum Award Amount
  - DO NOT ROUND UP!

Disbursement Type	FALL	SPR	SUM
Semester	33.575%	0%	0%
Payment	$1678.00	$0	$0

Calculating Remaining Eligibility

QUARTER PROGRAMS

- EFC = 0 / $1850 Award per Term / Is enrolled Full Time for the Fall; Spring and Summer Terms.
  - Student has used 520% LEU
  - 600.00% - 520.000% = 80.000% LEU Left
  - $5550.00 x .80 = $4,440.00 Maximum Award Amount

Disbursement Type	FALL	SPR	SUM
Quarter	33%	33%	14%
Payment	$1850	$1850	$740

Calculating Remaining Eligibility

QUARTER PROGRAMS

- EFC = 0 / $1850 Award per Term / Is enrolled Full Time for the Fall; Spring and Summer Terms.
  - Student has used 580.000% LEU
  - 600.00% - 580.000% = 20.000% LEU Left
  - $5550.00 x .20 = $1,110.00 Maximum Award Amount

Disbursement Type	FALL	SPR	SUM
Quarter	20%	0%	0%
Payment	$1,110	$0	$0

Timely Reporting

- EA – 8/13/2012
  - Reminds Institutions of the Requirement to Reporting Pell Grant Disbursements and Adjustments to COD within the required timeframe
  - Encourages Institutions to Report Disbursements and Adjustments to COD sooner rather than at the end of the Required 30 Day Time Frame
  - Will Significantly Assist with Transfer Students during Cross Over Award Years
    - Summer to Fall Transition

Inaccurate Data

- If There is Reason to Believe LEU Information in Inaccurate, Institutions Should:
  - Work As Advocates for the Student
  - Review COD and Provide Copy of the LEU Transcript
  - If LEU is Still in Question, Institution will Need to Contact FSA
    - Institution will Receive Instructions on How to Escalate Matter for Adjudication
    - Documentation WILL BE REQUIRED
- If LEU was Determined to be Incorrect
  - FSA will Provide the Institution and the Student Documentation that MUST be Maintained

Declining or Return of Pell Grant Funds by a Student

- DCL – GEN 12-18 – Declination or Return of Federal Pell Grant Funds by a Student
  - Students may Decline All or a Portion of their Pell Grant Award
  - Students may Return All or a Portion of their Pell Grant Award Made within the Same AY
    - Will be Transferring to a More Expensive Institution
    - Expected Change in the EFC in Future Award Years

Institutions May NOT Package Need-Based Title IV Aid to Compensate Reduction.

Declining or Return of Pell Grant Funds by a Student

- To Decline Pell Grant Funds
  - Student MUST Provide a Signed, Written Statement Indicating:
    - Student is Declining Pell Grant funds for Which He or She is Otherwise Eligible For
    - Student Understands that those Funds May Not be Available Once the Award Year is Over.

The school must submit any adjustment records for the student to the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System.

Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grant LEU

- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012
  - Limited ISAG to 6 Scheduled Awards
  - Subject to the Same Regulations as Pell Grant Funds
- Tracked Separately from PELL Grant LEU

FSEOG Eligibility

- Student does Not Automatically Lose Eligibility once OR if they have Reached Pell Grant LEU
- Regulations State:
  - FSEOG 1st Selection Group are Students with Lowest EFC and Pell Grant Recipients within the AY
    - Student's Who Reach LEU During an AY May Receive FSEOF Funds During Subsequent Terms in the Same AY
  - FSEOG 2nd Selection Group are Students with the Lowest EFC's that are Not Receiving Federal Pell Grant Awards
    - Students who have met or exceeded Pell LEU fall into Selection Group

FSEOG Eligibility

- Institutions MUST
  - Confirm Pell Grant Eligibility Prior to Disbursement of FSEOG
    - If the Student Loses Pell Grant Eligibility PRIOR to FSEOG Disbursement, the Institution MAY NOT Award FSEOG to the Student.
  - Keep Documentation of the Eligible EFC that was Calculated for the Student

Institutional Survey

What Institutions Are Doing to Help Students Who Reached LEU

- NASFAA Survey
- 680 responses

Action	%
Providing more institutional grants	13.38%
Providing more FSEOG (depending on packaging model and FSEOG funds availability for non Pell recipients)	5.29%
Providing more self-help aid (loans or work-study)	23.09%
We do not package any other financial aid to compensate	55.00%
We don't have any students who have reached LEU limit	3.24%

As of 03/13/2013

THANK YOU!