

Federal Update

**Federal Update:  
Part 2**

MASFAA Annual  
Conference  
June 15-17, 2011

START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Federal Pell Grant**

**2010-2011  
&  
2011-2012**

2

START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Dear Colleague Letter = P-11-02**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled Pell awards WILL be available through the end of 2010-2011
  - including payments for the summer 2011 crossover period if paid out of 10/11
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Scheduled Pell awards will NOT be available for 11/12 (back to one scheduled Pell award per award year)
- 11/12 maximum Pell award remains at \$5,550
  - use P-11-01 for the disbursement and payment schedule
- For the summer 2011 crossover period, schools will have the OPTION to choose which award year to pay Pell from
- All existing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled Pell award eligibility requirements remain in effect
  - Academic progression, ½ time enrollment, etc.

3

START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**Electronic Announcement – 2/11/11**

- The earliest date on which a school may disburse a Pell Grant for the 2011-2012 Award Year, either with federal funds or its own funds, is **February 1, 2011** (the date the Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules were published).
- However, the COD System will not accept 2011-2012 actual disbursement data until **February 21, 2011**.

4




---

---

---

---

---


---

---

---

**Consumer Information  
“Reminders”**

5




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Transparency in College Tuition**

- Effective July 1, 2011:
  - ED required to make available on College Navigator website (<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>) institution list by category:
    - Highest *tuition/fees* for most recent academic year (top 5%)
    - Highest *net price* for most recent academic year (top 5%)
    - Largest percentage *increase of tuition/fees* over three most recent academic years (top 5%)
    - Largest percentage *increase in net price* over three most recent academic years (top 5%)
    - Lowest *tuition/fees* for most recent academic year (lowest 10%)
    - Lowest *net price* for most recent academic year (lowest 10%)

6




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**Net Price Calculator**

- *Undergraduate schools* must post a net price calculator on its Web site that uses school data to provide estimated net price information to current and prospective students
  - Average yearly price actually charged to full-time, first-year undergrads receiving financial aid (COA minus average need/non-need financial aid)
  - As much as possible, net price shall be based on the individual student
  - Use ED's or institution's calculator
- Effective  
– October 29, 2011

7




---

---

---

---

---

---

---


---

**Net Price Calculator**

- Individual net price estimates must be accompanied by a prominent disclaimer
  - Estimate not final, not binding, and may change
  - Must note that the student must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for and receive Federal student aid funds
    - A link to the FAFSA website must be included

To use or review the template, go to:  
<http://npc.inovas.net/institution/>  
**Calculator template help line - 240-252-1707**  
<http://airweb.org>; or  
[http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/resource/net\\_price\\_calculator.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/resource/net_price_calculator.asp)

8




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Dave's Updates**

9




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**Did You Know???**

- For tax year 2010 unemployment compensation is taxable (IRS removed 1<sup>st</sup> \$2400 being untaxed)
- Making Work Pay Tax Credit is untaxed income
- 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Tax Credit is untaxed income
- American Opportunity Tax Credit refundable portion (line 66/43 -1040/1040A) is NOT untaxed income
- DL orig fees and upfront rebate same as 10/11 rates
- Pell - for 11/12 is a records first process in COD
- DL – for 11/12 schools will still have a Current Funding Level (CFL)

10




---

---

---

---

---

---


---

---

**Did You Know???**

- COD System implemented a process for schools to report when Ability to Benefit used to determine student eligibility for Grants and Direct Loans.
  - Please see the COD Technical Reference
- FERPA Office Contact
  - 202-260-3887; FERPA@ed.gov
- Reductions to 2011-2012 FWS and FSEOG
- 2010-2011 is the last year for LEAP – State incentive grant program
- President’s FY12 Budget

11




---

---

---

---

---

---


---

---

**Did You Know???**

- Crossover payment period 2011
  - Regulation states that ACG/SMART in cross-over period must be paid from same award year as Pell will be paid for that crossover period
    - No funds available in 2011-12
  - Any ACG/SMART awarded must be paid from 2010-11 award year
    - Program ends after 2010-11 award year
    - If you pay 2011-12 Pell, there is no ACG/SMART

12




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

### FAFSA Homepage Makeover

- An updateable announcement section
- Access to FAFSA4caster
- Access to FAFSA PDF and paper FAFSA information
- State deadline search
- School code search and comparison



13

---

---

---

---

---

---


---

---

---

---

### FAFSA - IRS Data Retrieval Tool



- Available Jan. 30, 2011
- Initial FAFSA
- *FAFSA Corrections*
- English and *Spanish*

14

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## DCLs & Announcements

15

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

For discussion purposes only

### Federal Update

**Dear Colleague Letters**

- **GEN-11-11** – State Authorization and Distance Learning
  - No action to be taken by ED until July 1, 2014 as long as school makes good faith effort to obtain necessary state authorizations
  - Assistance with development of a Comprehensive Directory of State requirements
- **GEN-11-10** – Gainful Employment Programs
  - What are GE programs, effective dates, report submission process, disclosure forms, new program notification timeframes
- **GEN-11-09** – Japan Disaster
  - For study abroad students in Japan, please use guidance in GEN-10-16
- **GEN-11-08** – Spanish ATB Tests
  - Until ED approves a Spanish ATB test, schools can use current guidance when determining ability to benefit

16

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Dear Colleague Letters**

- **GEN-11-07** – DL Guidance
  - PLUS adverse credit, program participation, PLUS FAFSA filing, borrowing limitations, and additional unsub to dependents
- **GEN-11-06** – Q & A in reference to credit hour definition and state/accreditation oversight
- **GEN-11-05** – Q & A in reference to State Authorization, incentive compensation and misrepresentation
- **GEN-11-04** – PJ; combat pay exclusion
- **GEN-11-03** – Improvements to FAFSA-IRS Retrieval Process (includes discussion about 12/13)
- **GEN-11-01** – Guidance for Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary programs for students with Intellectual Disabilities

17

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Electronic Announcements**

- **5/23/11** – NSLDS User Guide for GE programs
  - Reporting requirements, batch process, record layouts
- **5/20/11** – Teacher Certification Programs are GE programs if school awards a certificate
- **5/6/11** – New R2T4 regulation implementation timeframe
- **4/21/11** – recalculated FY08 unofficial 3-year trial CDRs
- **4/19/11** –EDEExpress version 3.0 (out June 17, 2011), will conform to the 11/12 Pell disbursement schedules (P-11-01). Until then schools must review P-11-01 to ensure proper 11/12 Pell payments.
- **4/18/11** – Perkins Default Rates (09/10 Orange Book)

18

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**Electronic Announcements**

- **4/7/11** – New comment codes (901 and 902) to assist with asset threshold screening questions
- **3/25/11** – Nelnet servicing non-veteran total and permanent disability discharges
- **3/24/11** – 11/12 reprocessing plan for skipped asset fields and Reject 1
- **3/10/11** – Federal-held loan transfer initiative
- **2/25/11** – Definition of default for student eligibility and inclusion in school cohort default rate
- **2/14/11** – Draft FY2009 Cohort Default Rates
- **2/11/11** – 11/12 Pell Funding Availability in COD

19




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Entrance Counseling**

20




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Entrance Counseling Tool  
StudentLoans.gov**

Entrance Counseling can be completed through StudentLoans.gov



21




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**StudentLoans.gov - Alerts COD**

- Once a borrower completes an Entrance Counseling session on the StudentLoans.gov website:
  - Completed Entrance Counseling data is submitted to COD
  - Entrance Counseling Acknowledgement is sent to schools (up to 3 selected by student)
  - Schools can search COD for completed Entrance Counseling sessions

22




---

---

---

---

---

---


---

---

**StudentLoans.gov - Enhancements**

- COD Release 10.0 (February 18, 2011)
  - New Entrance Counseling Report
    - Generated weekly
    - Includes completed Entrance Counseling from the previous week
    - Available via the COD Reporting website
- COD Release 10.1 (June 17, 2011)
  - Ability to complete Entrance Counseling in Spanish on StudentLoans.gov

23




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**NSLDS  
Exit Counseling**

24




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**NSLDS—Exit Counseling**

- Single exit counseling tool for DL and FFEL
- Secure login process
  - Students: [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov)
- Introduces NSLDS to student before repayment and uses actual student loan data

25




---

---

---

---

---

---


---

---

**NSLDS—Exit Counseling**

- School can search for individual student completion
- May run ad hoc reports or receive “pushed” reports
- May upload school counseling completion records for *storage* in NSLDS
  - Must keep counseling records to support completion

26




---

---

---

---

---


---

---

---

**Training**

27




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**Training**

- ANN-11-03 – ED Regulatory Update Training (RLU)
  - In-person training through the end of April 2011
- ANN-11-06 – ED RLU Training materials
  - <http://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/training/downloads.html>
- IFAP - “Training Tab” (top of menu bar)
  - Topics catalog (training by subject matter)
  - E-catalog (electronic learning formats)
  - Instructor-Led training catalog
  - Past/archived presentations catalog

28




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Contacts**

- Atlanta School Participation Team
  - Main Number: 404-974-9303
  - Laura Hall (IIS) – 404-974-9293
  - Cassandra Weems (IIS) 404-974-9305
- Atlanta Training Officers
  - Yolanda Adams – 404-974-9314
  - David Bartnicki – 404-974-9312
  - Michael Roberts – 404-974-9313
- Email – [firstname.lastname@ed.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@ed.gov)

29




---

---

---

---

---


---

---

---

**Federal Q & A:  
Take Your  
Best Shot**

David Bartnicki  
404-974-9312;  
[david.bartnicki@ed.gov](mailto:david.bartnicki@ed.gov)




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

For discussion purposes only

Federal Update

**THANK YOU!**

**Feedback on Training**  
**Thomas Threlkeld**  
**Supervisor of Training Officers**  
**617-289-0144; thomas.threlkeld@ed.gov**

31

START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

For discussion purposes only