



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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FOIA Service Center

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Ms. Isabel Tessier
National Student Legal Defense Network
1015 15th St NW #600
Washington, DC 20005

RE: FOIA Request Nos. 22-01683-F, 22-02164-F and 22-02546-F

Dear Isabel Tessier:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your requests were forwarded to the Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your requests.

22-01683-F

You requested the following:

1. The total number of borrower defense claims filed from January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2022, broken down by institution.
2. The total number of borrower defense claims granted between January 1, 2015, and January 1, 2022, broken down by institution:
 - a. Of the granted claims, the total number that received monetary relief, broken down by institution.
 - b. Of the granted claims, the total dollar amount discharged, broken down by institution.
3. The total number of borrower defense claims denied between January 1, 2015, and January 1, 2022, broken down by institution. Note: For each of these requests, in lieu of documents Student Defense would accept a chart or description providing the requested information.

In response to Elements 1 and 3, available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 71 pages of fully releasable documents responsive to your request. The documents are as follows:

- FSA Response 22-01683-F

You can access your PAL account at this link: <https://foiaexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx>

Also, FSA provided for the following for Elements 2a and 2b:

Element 2a: All approved borrowers are entitled to monetary relief, i.e., discharge for eligible loans.

Element 2b:

| School Group | Sum of Discharged Amount |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACI | \$21.4M |
| CCI | \$1,097.4M |
| Consolidation Loans | \$90.0M |
| ITT | \$165.3M |
| Marinello | \$1.8M |
| Westwood | \$11.2M |

Source: NSLDS.

Note: Consolidation loans do not have a specific school associated with them.

22-02164-F

You requested the following:

1. The total number of borrower defense claims filed from January 1, 2022 to March 1, 2022, broken down by institution;
2. The total number of borrower defense claims granted between January 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022, broken down by institution;
 - a. Of the granted claims, the total number that received monetary relief, broken down by institution;
 - b. Of the granted claims, the total dollar amount discharged, broken down by institution;
3. The total number of borrower defense claims denied between January 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022, broken down by institution.

Note: For each of these requests, in lieu of documents Student Defense would accept a chart or description providing the requested information.

FSA assigned your request to the FSA Data Request Team for review and processing. Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 13 pages of fully releasable documents responsive to your request. The documents are as follows:

- FSA Response 22-02164-F

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22-02546-F

You requested the following:

1. ~~1~~ The total number of borrower defense claims filed from March 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022, broken down by institution;
2. The total number of borrower defense claims granted between March 1, 2022, and March 31, 2022, broken down by institution;

- a. Of the granted claims, the total number that received monetary relief, broken down by institution;
 - b. Of the granted claims, the total dollar amount discharged, broken down by institution;
3. The total number of borrower defense claims denied between March 1, 2022, and March 31, 2022, broken down by institution.

Note: For each of these requests, in lieu of documents Student Defense would accept a chart or description providing the requested information.

FSA assigned your request to the FSA Data Request team. Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 10 pages of fully releasable documents responsive to your request. The documents provided are:

- FSA Response 22-02546-F

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<https://foiaexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx>

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of Other. However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge since you have been granted a fee waiver. This does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department.

You have the right to seek further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by e-mail at robert.wehausen@ed.gov; by phone at 202-205-0733; by fax at 202-401-0920; or by mail at Office of the Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 7C132, Washington, DC 20202-4500, Attn: -FOIA Public Liaison.

If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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