



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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Emily Santora
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1701 Rhode Island Ave. NW
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RE: FOIA Request No. 22-03166-F

Dear Emily Santora:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated July 12, 2022, and received in this office on July 13, 2022. Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

1. The total number of borrower defense applications filed from May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, broken down by institution;
2. The total number of borrower defense applications granted between May 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022, broken down by institution;
 - a. Of the granted applications, the total number that received monetary relief, broken down by institution;
 - b. Of the granted applications, the total dollar amount discharged, broken down by institution;
3. The total number of borrower defense applications denied between May 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022, broken down by institution.
4. The total number of borrower defense applications pending decision as of June 30, 2022, broken down by institution.

Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download is one fully releasable spreadsheet responsive to your request. The spreadsheet is as follows:

- Spreadsheet pertaining to borrow defense applications.

You can access your PAL account or register for a PAL account at this link:

<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. The Department's

release of this information at no cost does not constitute the grant of a fee waiver and 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 Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 7W104, 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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