



United States Department of Education

Office of the Secretary

FOIA Service Center

September 20, 2023

Margaret Moran
Student Defense
1701 Rhode Island Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036

RE: FOIA Request No. 23-00711-F

Dear Margaret Moran:

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 January 9, 2023, and received in this office on January 10, 2023. Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

“Student Defense hereby requests that ED produce a log, consisting of every letter of credit held by the Department as of December 31, 2022, that has been posted by, or on behalf of, any institution participating in one or more Title IV, HEA programs, including the following information:

- OPEID
- Institution Name
- State
- Institution Type
- Institution Fiscal Year End Date
- LOC Request Date
- Reason LOC Requested
- LOC Received Date
- LOC Amount
- LOC Percent Requested
- Notes”

Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 34 pages of documents responsive to your request. The documents are as follows:

- FSA Letters of Credit Held by the Department as of December 31, 2022

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. 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. Because we were able to locate and process these documents at minimal costs, they are provided to you at no cost.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to appeals or litigation. They can be contacted by:

Mail	FOIA Public Liaison Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7W104 Washington, DC 20202-4500	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road Room 2510 College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail	robert.wehausen@ed.gov	OGIS@nara.gov
Phone	202-205-0733	202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Fax	202-401-0920	NA

You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov
 Fax: 202-401-0920
 Mail: Appeals Office
 Office of the Secretary
 U.S. Department of Education
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W104
 Washington, DC 20202-4536

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

Sincerely,

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 Government Information Specialist
 Office of the Secretary