



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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RE: FOIA Request No. 20-02259-F

Dear Alice Yao:

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 August 17, 2020 and received in this office on August 17, 2020. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following: Student Defense hereby requests that ED produce a detailed log that provides information regarding every letter of credit currently held by the Department 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 18 fully releasable pages of documents responsive to your request. The documents provided are:

- Currently Held LOCs as of 9-1-20

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

<https://foiexpress.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 an all other use requester. 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 Executive Secretariat U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7C132 Washington, DC 20202-4500	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road Room 2510 College Park, MD 20740-6001
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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
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Office of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Education
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Sincerely,

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