



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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RE: FOIA Request No. 21-02611-F

Dear Alexander Elson:

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 25, 2021, and received in this office on August 25, 2021. Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following: For borrowers who have been identified as eligible for a TPD discharge through the SSA Process to date (i.e., borrowers who have “matched” through the SSA Process), documents sufficient to show:

1. Since the SSA Process started in 2016, the total number of borrowers who have been positively identified as eligible for a TPD discharge.
 - a. Of those borrowers who have matched through the SSA process, the total number who have received a TPD discharge, and the total dollar value of their discharged federal student loan debt.
 - b. Of those borrowers who have matched through the SSA process, the total number who have not received a TPD discharge, and the total dollar value of their outstanding federal student loan debt.
2. The total number of SSA matches for whom the Department does not have a valid address on file.
3. The total number of SSA matches whose SSA match notification letters have been returned to sender.

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

Attached is a one page, fully releasable document responsive to your request. The document provided is:

➤ FSA TPD 21-02611-F

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, as you were 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. 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 further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by email 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, 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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