

Frequently Used Financial Aid Acronyms

AAI Adjusted Available Income

AGI Adjusted Gross Income

Al Available Income

ANN Training Announcement (Dear Colleague Letter)

APR Annual Percentage Rate
ARN Alien Registration Number

ATB Ability To Benefit

AVG Application and Verification Guide
AY Academic Year or Award Year

BBAY Borrower-Based Academic Year

CARES Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

CB Campus-Based Aid or Campus-Based Program Dear Colleague/Partner Letters

CDR Cohort Default Rate

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

COA Cost of Attendance

COD Common Origination and Disbursement System

CPS Central Processing System

CSS College Scholarship Service (College Board)

DCL Dear Colleague/Partner Letter

DEAP Survivors' And Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (VA)
DHS U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (Formerly INS and BCIS)

DL Direct Loan
DOB Date Of Birth

DOD Department Of Defense

DOJ U.S. Department Of Justice

DRI Disbursement Release Indicator

DRN Data Release Number

DRT Data Retrieval Tool (See Also IRS DRT)
eCFR Electronic Code Of Federal Regulations

ED U.S. Department Of Education

EDE Electronic Data Exchange

EFA Estimated Financial Assistance

EFC Expected Family Contribution

EFT Electronic Funds Transfer

eMPN Electronic Master Promissory Note

ESAR Electronic Student Aid Report

ESL English as a Second Language

FA Financial Aid

FAA Financial Aid Administrator

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FAO Financial Aid Office or Financial Aid Officer

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

FDLP/DL William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program

FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFY Federal Fiscal Year/Former Foster Youth

FISAP Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate

FM Federal Methodology
FOTW FAFSA On The Web

FSA Federal Student Aid (Formerly Student Financial Aid, Or SFA)

FSEOG Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program

FT Full Time

FTE Full-Time Equivalent

FWS Federal Work-Study Program

FY Fiscal Year

GE Gainful Employment

GED General Education Development Certificate

GEN General Distribution Dear Colleague/Partner Letter

GPA Grade Point Average

HBCU Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HEA Higher Education Act of 1965, As Amended
HEERF Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

HHS U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services

HSI Hispanic-Serving Institution

IASG Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

IFAP Information for Financial Aid Professionals (Website)

INS Immigration and Naturalization Service (Now Known As USCIS and Part of DHS)

IPA Income Protection Allowance
IRS Internal Revenue Service

IRS DRT Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool

ISIR Institutional Student Information Record

LDA Last Date Of Attendance

LOA Leave Of Absence
LPF Loans Paid In Full

MPN Master Promissory Note

NASFAA National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

NRM Negotiated Rulemaking

NSC National Student Clearinghouse
NSLDS National Student Loan Data System

OIG Office of Inspector General

OMB Office of Management and Budget

PC Parent Contribution

PII Personally Identifiable Information

PJ Professional Judgment

PLUS PLUS Loans (Formerly Referred To As Parent Loan for Undergraduate

Students; now includes graduate/Professional PLUS Loans)

PPA Program Participation Agreement

PT Part Time

PTIN Preparer Tax Identification Number

R2T4 Return of Title IV Funds

SAIG Student Aid Internet Gateway

SAP Satisfactory Academic Progress or Special Allowance Payment

SAR Student Aid Report
SC Student Contribution

SSA Social Security Administration
SSI Supplemental Security Income

SSN Social Security Number

SSS Student Support Services or Selective Service System

TIN Taxpayer Identification Number

USCIS United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (Formerly Known As BCIS and INS)

VA U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs (Formerly Veterans Administration)

VEAP Veterans Educational Assistance Program

WASFAA Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

WWW World Wide Web

WIA Workforce Investment Act (Formerly Job Training Partnership Act, Or JTPA)

YTD Year-To-Date