

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY ISSUES

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What is the G-845S “Supplement” and what do I use it for?

- To determine the eligibility of “qualified aliens” for “means-tested” public benefits;
- Title IV, HEA benefits are not “means-tested” benefits;
- The G-845S “Supplement” may be used but does not replace the G-845S form;
- INS has been advised not to use the “Supplement” form in correspondence with schools.

When am I required to use the G-845S form?

- If you receive a SAR or ISIR instructing the student to provide evidence of immigration status; or
- If you receive a SAR or ISIR confirming the student's eligible noncitized status but you have conflicting information; AND
- The documents submitted by the student appear to be eligible documents

How do I verify the noncitizen eligibility of a parent PLUS loan borrower?

- Citizenship requirements for parents PLUS loan borrowers are the same as for the other Title IV applicants;
- Since there is no parental FAFSA, no primary confirmation takes place so no verification number is produced;
- Schools may review immigration status documents for PLUS parents and make determinations of the parents' eligibility without assistance from INS.

Can you clarify whether home-schooled applicants are eligible for Title IV, HEA assistance?

- In the absence of any other related credential, the student must possess documentation that he/she has completed a home-schooling program that is considered to be the equivalent of a high school diploma in the state where the student resides; or
- The student must be beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state where the school is located to be eligible for ATB consideration (although some ATB test sare considered high-school equivalents in some states).

What are the documents that can be used in lieu of an IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ for verifying a student's income?

- Verification regulations use phrase “copy of an IRS form which lists tax account information” instead of listing specific forms;
- Verification Guide provides some acceptable forms but does not provide an exclusive list;
- If the document is from IRS and lists tax account information that you can use to complete verification, you may use it.

How will students benefiting from tax credits under the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Programs be treated in the need analysis?

- Since these programs are intended to provide assistance to families in meeting college expenses, they are going to be treated as student financial assistance for need analysis purposes;
- This means the tax credits will be excluded from income;

How will students benefiting from tax credits under the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Programs be treated in the need analysis? (Cont.)

- The exclusions from income will tend to offset reductions in taxes that would otherwise raise EFC's for these students;
- The draft 1999-00 FAFSA has been modified to allow for this treatment.

How will transfers of funds from regular IRAs to Roth IRAs be treated?

- Roth IRA transfers are taxable events that will represent an increase in taxable income;
- Increased income and taxes as a result of Roth IRA transfers will be assessed in the need analysis in the usual manner;
- Professional judgment may be used in cases where, in the FAA's judgment, the Roth-induced increases in income create special circumstances that distort the true picture of the student's finances;

How will transfers of funds from regular IRAs to Roth IRAs be treated? (Cont.)

- Dollars in Roth IRA accounts are NOT assets for need analysis purposes;
- Dollars in Education IRA accounts ARE assets for need analysis purposes. Interest earnings from Education IRAs will be reported as untaxed income by the student.



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HIGHLIGHTS

and TID BITS on

DATA MATCHES

Veteran's Status Match

New in 1999-2000

- ◆ Veteran's status will be verified with Veteran's Administration
- ◆ CPS will assume "No" if not a Veteran or not on VA's database
- ◆ Comments and match flags will be provided

VA Match Flags

- ◆ 1 = Veterans status confirmed
- ◆ 2 = Not a qualifying veteran
- ◆ 3 = Not found in VA's data base
- ◆ 4 = On Active Duty

SSN Match - Date of Death New in 1999-2000

- ◆ Provided by Social Security Administration
 - SSN Match flag of 5
 - Comment code 145
 - Reject 8
 - Implementation in February 1999

SSN MATCH

- ◆ How to get an updated match flag from Social Security Administration:
 - Correct one or more of SSN, first or last name, or DOB
 - Can be corrected to the same value

SSA-Prisoner Match

New in 1999-2000

- ◆ Type of prison facility: Federal, State, Local
- ◆ Approximate date of release
- ◆ Prisoners may be eligible for state aid
- ◆ Implementation in May 1999

Misc. New in 1999-2000

- ◆ Selective Service Hold File has been deleted from CPS
- ◆ Comments 83 and 84 deleted
- ◆ INS Verification Number expanded

Selective Service Registration

- ◆ Applicant checks the “register me” box.
Selective Service Registration Flag
always = “Y”
- ◆ In 1999-2000 Selective Service
Registration Flag could = “N”

INS & SSA Citizenship0

- ◆ Blank citizenship = Reject 17

UNLESS:

- ◆ SSA-CIT Match flag = “A” (U.S. Citizen) **or** blank (Domestic born)

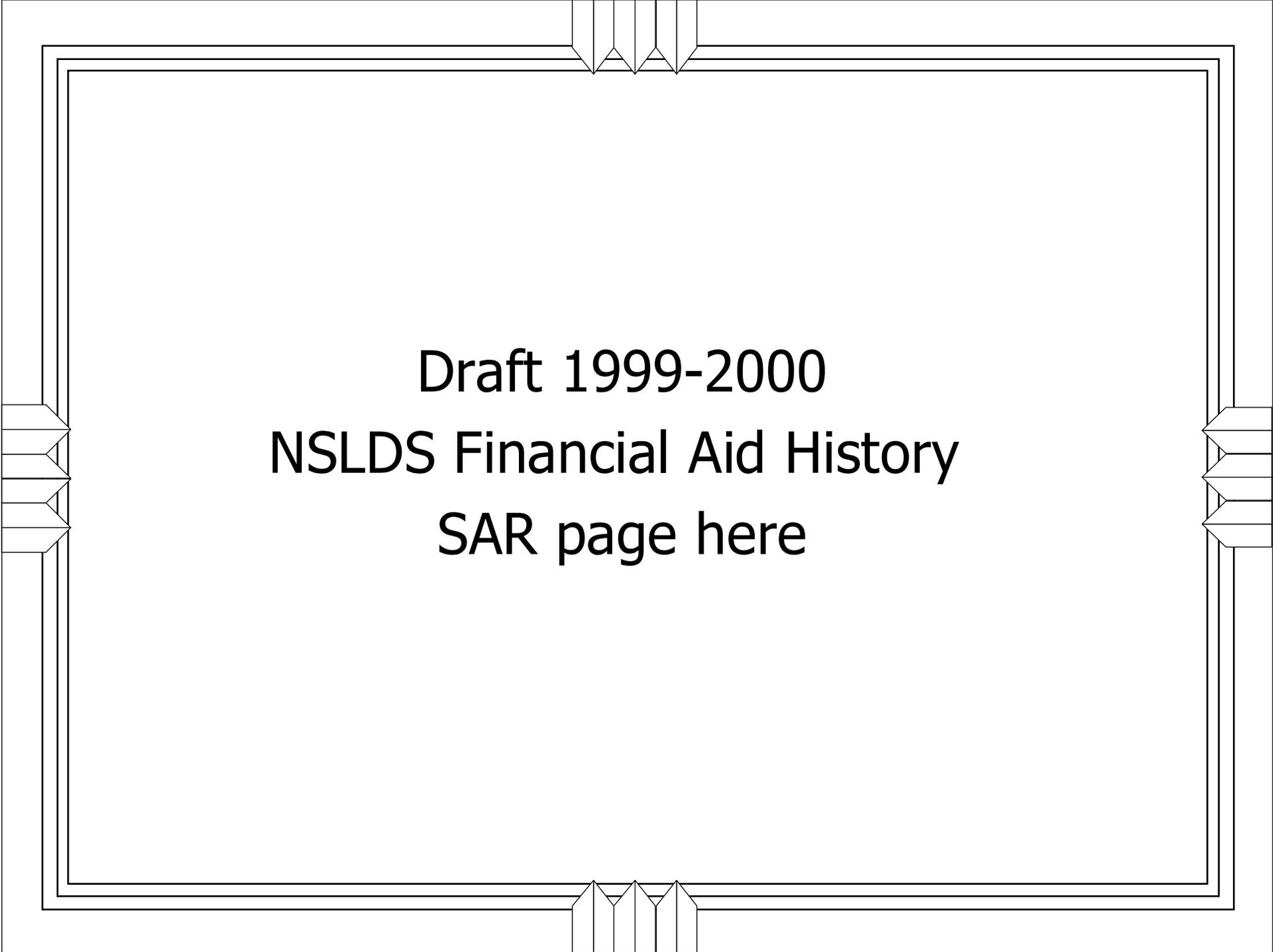
NSLDS

New for 1999-2000

- ◆ Unsubsidized Loans in Aggregate Loan data section renamed to Combined
- ◆ Grade level added to loan records
- ◆ Additional Pell detail record added
- ◆ Verification Flag and EFC added to Pell Records

New in NSLDS (continued)

- ◆ Loan amount and outstanding balance increased to 6 digits
- ◆ Comments on Overpayment Contacts added
- ◆ Comments for approaching or exceeding loan limits added



**Draft 1999-2000
NSLDS Financial Aid History
SAR page here**

NSLDS

- ◆ What to do about comment 138
 - NSLDS on-line
 - Note to Student File
 - Data provider must update NSLDS
 - CPS correction or duplicate for new SAR/ISIR

NSLDS

- ◆ Comment 115: Loan discharged due to disability
 - NSLDS scheduled to fix
 - Perkins Loan discharged for Bankruptcy
 - Listed in Loan Detail

Verification Selection

- ◆ Transaction Verification Flag:
 - Verification Selection Criteria Met
- ◆ Verification Tracking Flag:
 - Selected for Verification

SAR “C” Flag

- ◆ For use with Data Matches ONLY
- ◆ Will not print on rejected SARs/ISIRs