

## Financial Aid Area Open Discussion Summary and Responses(5.4)

### A) PA Data Entry Page

Rather than going through the process of downloading a file copy at submission, data reporters would like an easier means of retrieving the file in case it needs to be edited and resubmitted. Can the Data Entry Page be modified to store a file and allow it to be recalled, edited and resubmitted via the Data Entry Page? This would include the ability to change fields for an existing record, delete records and append new records to the file.

We are putting this on our priority list and will notify data reporters when it is complete. We will also consider this feature in our design of future data entry pages for other SGS programs.

### B) PA Query

Data reporters would like a quick and easy method to access the IRN table information. Specifically, they would like to know the high school name and address for a specific IRN when queried on an individual basis for a particular academic year. This would aid in identifying a student for which the school has more than one certificate with the same name (ex. Lisa Jones), for a certificate printed with an incorrect name, or for a certificate with a name other than a name on record (nickname, diminutive).

This is being posted with a link to the Financial Aid Data Submissions Page at <http://www.regents.state.oh.us/hei/finaidfiles.html> and the List of Verification/Mapping Tables at <http://www.regents.state.oh.us/hei/datasubdoc/vertables/veritab.html>

### C) NCS

1) Can the certificate be printed with a place for the student to write in his/her SSN? Can the certificate be printed with a place for the student to write in the term for which he/she wishes the payment to be applied?

SGS will be responsive to the changes recommended by OASFAA.

2) Can the certificate be printed with a better way to designate the separation between the first and last name as stored by NCS? Some certificates appear to have two names but, in fact, are both in the first name field or both in the last name field in NCS records.

OBR will explore the possible solutions with NCS.

### D) Overall PA process

1) Can OBR post detailed instructions for the submission process?

The instructions for the March Users Conference have been expanded into a webpage tutorial at <http://www.regents.state.oh.us/hei/5-4pa%20tutorial.pdf> with a link to the Financial Aid Data Submission Page.

2) Can OBR post a detailed flowchart of the PA process?

We have posted two charts which are linked to the Financial Aid Data Submission Page:

- A chart of the Dataflow and the related record status codes at <http://www.regents.state.oh.us/hei/5-4pa%20dataflow.PDF>
- A flowchart of the Process Overview (originally presented at the Financial Aid Consultation last October)

### E) Instructional Grants

1) Can OBR provide a link to the OIG roster layout at the download site? This link is now available. We will keep in mind the use of similar links as we develop similar sites.