**Frequently Used Financial Aid Acronyms**

AACRAO American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

AAI Adjusted Available Income

AAMC Association of American Medical Colleges

AANAPISI Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions

ACA Administrative Cost Allowance

AGI Adjusted Gross Income

AI 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

BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIE Bureau of Indian Education

BLS Bureau of Labor Statistics

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

CBT Computer-Based Training

CCRAA College Cost Reduction and Access Act Of 2007

CDR Cohort Default Rate

CEO Chief Executive Officer

CFL Current Funding Level

CFO Chief Fiscal/Financial Officer

CFPB Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CIP Classification of Instructional Programs

COA Cost of Attendance

COAA College Opportunity and Affordability Act Of 2007

COD Common Origination and Disbursement System

COH Cash On Hand

COO Chief Operating Officer

CPA Certified Public Accountant

CPS Central Processing System

CSS College Scholarship Service (College Board)

CSV Comma Separated Value

DB Debit

DCL Dear Colleague/Partner Letter

DE U.S. Department Of Education (See ED)

DEAP Survivors’ And Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (VA)

DER Date Entered Repayment

DHS U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (Formerly INS and BCIS)

DL Direct Loan

DLSAS Direct Loan School Account Statement (See Also SAS)

DOB Date Of Birth

DOD Department Of Defense

DOJ U.S. Department Of Justice

DP Data Provider (aka Data Manager)

DPA Destination Point Administrator

DRAP Default Reduction Assistance Program

DRI Disbursement Release Indicator

DRN Data Release Number

DRT Data Retrieval Tool (See Also IRS DRT)

DTER Debt-To-Earnings Ratios

E-APP Electronic Application for Approval to Participate in the Federal Student Aid Programs

EBT Electronic Benefits Transfer

ECAR Eligibility and Certification Approval Report

eCFR Electronic Code Of Federal Regulations

ED U.S. Department Of Education

EDCAPS Department Of Education Central Automated Processing System

EDE Electronic Data Exchange

EDP Electronic Data Processing

EEOC Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

EFA Estimated Financial Assistance

EFC Expected Family Contribution

EFT Electronic Funds Transfer

EIC Earned Income Credit

EIN Employer Identification Number

eMPN Electronic Master Promissory Note

EPPV Electronic Processed Payment Voucher

EPV Electronic Payment Voucher

ESAR Electronic Student Aid Report

ESL English as a Second Language

ESOA Electronic Statement Of Account

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

FC Family Contribution

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

FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FFELP Federal Family Education Loan Program

FFY Federal Fiscal Year

FISAP Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate

FM Federal Methodology

FMS Financial Aid Management System

FOTW FAFSA On The Web

FPL Federal Perkins Loan

FR Federal Register

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

FSA Handbook Federal Student Aid Handbook

FSAPubs Federal Student Aid Publications Ordering System

FSEOG Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program

FT Full Time

FTC Federal Trade Commission

FTE Full-Time Equivalent

FWS Federal Work-Study Program

FY Fiscal Year

GAO Government Accountability Office (Formally General Accounting Office)

GAPS Grant Administration and Payment System

GE Gainful Employment

GEAR UP Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness For Undergraduate Programs

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

HEAL Health Education Assistance Loan (HHS)

HEOA Higher Education Opportunity Act Of 2008

HHS U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services

HSI Hispanic-Serving Institution

IASG Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

IBR Income-Based Repayment

ICR Income Contingent Repayment

IFAP Information for Financial Aid Professionals (Website)

IG Inspector General

IM Institutional Methodology

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

IPA Income Protection Allowance

IPEDS Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

IRS Internal Revenue Service

IRS DRT Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool

ISIR Institutional Student Information Record

ISP Internet Service Provider

IVR Interactive Voice Response (aka Voice Response or Automated Voice Response)

LDA Last Date Of Attendance

LOA Leave Of Absence

LPF Loans Paid In Full

LS&T Limitation, Suspension, or Termination

MPN Master Promissory Note

MPN ID Master Promissory Note Identifier

MRR Multiple Reporting Record

MY Multi-Year

NACUBO National Association of College and University Business Officers

NASFAA National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

NASNI Native American-Serving, Nontribal Institution

NCAA National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCES National Center for Education Statistics

NCHELP National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs

NFC National Finance Center

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

NRM Negotiated Rulemaking

NSC National Student Clearinghouse

NSF Nonsufficient Funds

NSLC National Student Loan Clearinghouse (See NSC)

NSLDS National Student Loan Data System

OIG Office of Inspector General

OMB Office of Management and Budget

PAYE Pay As You Earn Repayment

PBI Predominantly Black Institution

PBO Performance-Based Organization

PC Parent Contribution

PDPA Primary Destination Point Administrator

PDF Portable Document Format

PEPS Postsecondary Education Participants System

PII Personally Identifiable Information

PJ Professional Judgment

PL Public Law

PLD Plain Language Disclosure

PLL Preferred Lender List

PLUS PLUS Loans (Formerly Referred To As Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students; now includes graduate/Professional PLUS Loans)

POP Potential Overaward Process

PPA Program Participation Agreement

PRR Program Review Report

PSLF Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

PT Part Time

PTIN Preparer Tax Identification Number

R2T4 Return of Title IV Funds

RFMS Recipient Financial Management System

ROTC Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

SAIG Student Aid Internet Gateway

SAP Satisfactory Academic Progress or Special Allowance Payment

SAR Student Aid Report

SAS School Account Statement

SAY Scheduled Academic Year

SC Student Contribution

SEVIS Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

SID Student identifier

SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (See TANF)

SNT Simplified Needs Test

SOA Statement Of Account

SSA Social Security Administration

SSCR Student Status Confirmation Report (Renamed Enrollment Report Effective January 2, 2002)

SSI Supplemental Security Income

SSN Social Security Number

SSS Student Support Services or Selective Service System

STAN Student Authentication Network

TDD/TTY Telecommunications Device for The Deaf/Teletypewriter

TEACH Teacher Education Assistance for College And Higher Education Grant Program

TIN Taxpayer Identification Number

TPD Total and Permanent Disability

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)

XML Extensible Markup Language

YTD Year-To-Date