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Re: Changes to Input Specs for CSS Financial Support files

Dear Colleagues:

Provisions in the Higher Education Opportunity Act will expand the amount of information about fees and tuition, aid, net cost and other topics that is made available to the public. Because of these changes, UC needs to include the adjusted gross income (AGI) for undergraduates in the CSS Financial Aid input file. In addition, with the inception of the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan campus financial aid offices are required to track Blue and Gold eligibility.

UCOP is requesting three new data elements, Parent AGI, Student AGI and the Blue & Gold flag be added to the academic year and summer CSS Financial Support input files.

Technical Specifications:

REF NO	Element Name	Position	Length	Format	Valid Values
R250	Parent_AGI	144	6	Integer	Amount of the Adjusted Gross Income of the parents of the dependent student (dependent as defined by Federal regulations), or of the parents of an independent student if available or required. Should reflect the actual amount used in performing need analysis in accordance with Federal Methodology. For some students this should represent the verified income and not the self-reported income (FAFSA).
R260	Student_AGI	150	6	Integer	Amount of the Adjusted Gross Income of a dependent or an independent student, including spouse's

					income if student is married. Should reflect the actual amount used in performing need analysis in accordance with Federal Methodology. For some students this should represent the verified income and not the self-reported income (FAFSA).
R270	Blue_And_Gold_Flag	156	1	Char	Y = student is eligible for Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan N = student is not eligible for Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan

Files affected:

CSSFAI, January, May, October & November

Effective date:

January 2010 submission

The complete set of up-to-date Corporate Student System specifications may be downloaded from our web site at http://www.ucop.edu/irc/campus_specs/css. If you have any questions about these specifications, please contact Dominique Pfaff at (510) 987-0394 or dominique.pfaff@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,



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