July 29, 2024

FINANCIAL AID DIRECTORS
CIO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Re: Changes to Input Specifications for CSS Financial Support Files

Dear Colleagues:

Beginning with the January 2025 financial aid submission, UCOP is requesting the addition of two new fields in the demographic portion of the CSS Financial Support input (academic and summer) files. Under new Federal guidelines, the Maximum Pell Indicator (R350) and the Minimum Pell Indicator (R360) identify alternative criteria to determine a student’s eligibility for the Pell Grant. The University requires these additional Pell flags to determine student financial need more accurately for the purposes of informing Undergraduate Student Aid Program (USAP) funding allocations to campuses under the Education Financing Model (EFM).

Technical Specifications for Additional Data Elements in CSSFAI-Demographic section of file specifications:

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Files Affected: CSSFAI
Effective date: January 2025 submission

New Record Length: The addition of the new fields will require an increase in the record length. The new record length will be 244 bytes.

The complete set of up-to-date Corporate Student System specifications may be downloaded from our web site at here. If you have any questions about these specifications, please email irap@ucop.edu.
Sincerely,

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