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**FINANCIAL AID DIRECTORS
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Re: Changes to Input Specifications for CSS Financial Support Files

Dear Colleagues:

Beginning with the January 2023 financial aid submission, UCOP is requesting the addition of four new fields in the demographic portion of the CSS Financial Support input (academic and summer) files and redefining an existing field to accept negative values.

The Student Aid Index (R190) replaces the former Expected Family Contribution and will now accept negative values. Campuses may use R190 to report Expected Family Contribution until the new federal Student Aid Index takes effect in July 2024.

The Special Population Code (R310) identifies financial aid recipients or applicants who are members of specific populations eligible for new state financial aid programs.

The Number in College (R320), Family Size (R330), and Total Assets (R340) are new fields required to support the UC Education Finance Modeling performed by UCOP Student Financial Support.

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

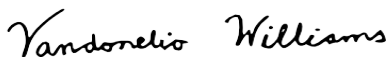
REF NO	Element Name	Loc	Length	Format	Error Level	Valid Values
R190	Student Aid Index (SAI)	126	9	Char	E	All spaces, all digits, or '-' prefix for negative values. '-' counts toward field length
R310	Special Population Code	176	5	Char	E	F, P, or '' (must fill up all 5 spaces with valid values F, P, or ''). Extra length is included to allow for future expansion) F – Former foster youth P – Parenting student
R320	Number in College	181	1	Char	E	All spaces or all digits
R330	Family Size	182	2	Char	E	' ' or Numeric
R340	Total Assets	184	9	Char	E	All spaces or all digits

Files Affected: CSSFAI
Effective date: January 2023 submission

New Record Length: The addition of the new fields will require an increase in the record length.
The new record length will be 192 bytes.

The complete set of up-to-date Corporate Student System specifications may be downloaded from our web site at <https://data.ucop.edu/files/documents/file-specs/fai-file-layout-jun19.pdf>. If you have any questions about these specifications, please email irap@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,



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