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Creating the reporting for Student Aid index is a well intentioned thought. However, I think the better approach is to give the institutions the authority to update the field upon the students request. This approach can take place similar to when verifying the 400/401 code. Since the IRS DRT will be forced upon applicants in the future there could be a prompt with a message that asks the applicant if they worked under the FWS program in XYZ year. If the student marks "yes" they can be guided with another prompt that asks them to enter the gross earnings on their W2 from their respective state. If they need help, a message could be in the SAR Comments that directs them to their institution. Otherwise, the work required currently with the FWS program is overwhelming and would only cause more challenges with the SAI. Collecting data can be done after students enter information on their FAFSA. Keep in mind, FWS Coordinators are not only handling the FWS aid program but multiple aid programs. More and more work continues to add on employees who have not been compensated adequately and are asked to do more with less. Please do not do this.