

# **Federal Student Aid**

## **Schools Partners Survey**

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### **Introduction**

The U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid (FSA) seeks to continuously improve its interactions with its valued business partners in the schools' community in the administration of Title IV programs. To that end we are conducting a brief survey to assess our performance and provide you with an opportunity to share any ideas or feedback you may have to help us better serve you. Your participation in the survey is voluntary. This survey should take you approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The survey is conducted by the CFI Group, a Michigan-based consulting company, with all data hosted on secure servers. Your responses will remain anonymous and will only be reported to FSA in aggregate form. We hope this will allow you to feel free to be candid in your feedback to us.

Please click the "Next" button below to begin the survey.

#### **PRA Burden Statement**

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### **Rating Questions**

Please think about your experiences interacting with Federal Student Aid (FSA) in the Title IV administration process **in the past three months (unless otherwise indicated)**, and rate the following items using a scale of 1-10 with 1 being "poor" and 10 being "excellent." If a question does not apply to your recent experiences with FSA, please click "Not Applicable/Did not use":

EDEXP	The ease of using EDExpress
FAAAC	The ease of using FAA Access
COD	The ease of using Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) system
NSLDS	The ease of using National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
FSAPC	The ease of using <a href="#">Partner Connect</a>
KNOWCEN	The ease of searching the FSA Partner Connect <a href="#">Knowledge Center</a> to find the information you need
FSATRN	The ease of using FSA's training <a href="#">website</a> to participate in training on-demand and webinars and create learning plans ( <a href="http://fsatraining.ed.gov/">fsatraining.ed.gov/</a> )
ASSIST	The assistance you received from FSA or one of its vendors when you last called or contacted us for help regarding a system or process
WHOLAST	<b>[if answered ASSIST]</b> Who did you last call or contact at FSA or its vendors for assistance? <b>[randomize choice list]</b>

1 REACH FSA phone line (855-FSA-4FAA)  
2 FSA Partner and School Relations Center (includes Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) system inquiries)

- 3 Loan Servicing Centers (for Schools)
- 4 National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Customer Care Center
- 5 CPS/SAIG/Two-Factor Authentication Technical Support (includes EDExpress/FAA Access/EDConnect)
- 6 Default Resolution Group (DRG), Greenville Center
- 7 eZ Audit
- 8 Total and Permanent Disability Discharge and Veterans Disability Discharge
- 9 FSA staff member (email or phone calls directly to an individual staff member or office)
- 10 Policy (now found on FSA Partner Connect's Help Center/Contact Customer Support/Topic as a drop down pick list choice)
- 11 G6 Hotline
- 12 Other (**Please specify**)

TRAIN The knowledge you acquired from attending your last training session presented by an FSA trainer (not the Fall 2023 FSA Training Conference)?

CONF The helpfulness of the Fall 2023 virtual FSA Training Conference (if attended; please choose "N/A" if you did not attend)

OVRASST The quality of assistance you received from FSA to address your last eligibility or oversight issue

OVRFAIR **[If answered OVRASST]** Extent to which you believe your eligibility or oversight issue was resolved in a transparent and fair manner (i.e., consistent with Title IV Regulations)

PCKCCOM The usefulness of FSA provided communications on the Knowledge Center of FSA Partner Connect

CALLWHO Extent to which you are clear about who to call if you are having a problem

EASEBUS The overall ease of doing business with Federal Student Aid

EAPPCH Did your school complete either the E-App and/or the Third-Party Servicer Inquiry Form on Partner Connect since December 31, 2023?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

EAPP **[If answered "Yes" to EAPPCH]** The ease of using the new E-APP

THIRDP **[If answered "Yes" to EAPPCH]** The ease of using the new Third Party Service Inquiry Form

POLICY On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being "not at all impactful" and 10 being "very impactful", to what extent has your ease of doing business with FSA been impacted by policy or regulatory changes?

POLAFF **[If answered POLICY 5-10]** In what way have policy changes affected your interactions with FSA?  
**(enter verbatim response)**

FSACON In a few sentences, what features do you like about FSA Partner Connect, what would you improve, what would you add or remove? **(enter verbatim response)**

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**Closing**

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C\_FREQ How often do you typically contact FSA (e.g. FSA contractor, FSA Call Center )) for assistance with a system or process related to Title IV administration? [choose one]

- 1 Never
- 2 Less than 5 times per year
- 3 5-10 times per year
- 4 More than 10 times per year

EXP How long have your work duties included activities related to Title IV student financial aid administration?

- 1 Less than 6 months
- 2 6 months to less than 2 years
- 3 2 years to less than 5 years
- 4 5 years to less than 10 years
- 5 10 years or more

CLOSE1. Finally, what is the most urgent improvement (that is not statutory, nor regulatory) that you would like FSA to make in the Title IV administration process?

**(enter verbatim response)**

Thank you again for your time. To complete the survey and submit the results, please hit the "Submit" button below. Have a good day!