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Acronyms and definitions of financial aid terms

AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers	Access	(online portal)
AI	Available Income	GAS	Golden Apple Scholarship
AAI	Adjusted Available Income	GEAR UP	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income	GED	General Educational Development (Certificate)
ATB	Ability to Benefit	GPA	Grade Point Average
AVG	Application and Verification Guide	HCERA	Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act-2010
AY	Academic Year	HEA	Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended
CAM	Common Account Maintenance	HELP	Higher Education License Plate Program
CAP	College Awareness & Preparation	HEOA	Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008
CCI	Common Claim Initiative		
CCRAA	College Cost Reduction and Access Act	HERA	Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005
CDR	Cohort Default Rates		
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	HT	Half-time
CIO	Change in Ownership	IACAC	Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling
COA	Cost of Attendance	IBHE	Illinois Board of Higher Education
COD	Common Origination and Disbursement	ICCB	Illinois Community College Board
COTW	Corrections on the Web	ICE	Illinois College Exposition
CPS	Central Processing System	IDVA	Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
DAAR	Default Aversion Assistance Requests	IHSA	Illinois High School Association
DCL	Dear Colleague Letter	ILASFAA	Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
DDE	Direct Data Exchange	IM	Institutional Methodology
DEI	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	ING	Illinois National Guard (Grant)
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	IRS	Internal Revenue Service
DL	Direct Loan	ISAC	Illinois Student Assistance Commission
DMAIL	Department of Military Affairs in Illinois	ISBE	Illinois State Board of Education
DOB	Date of Birth	ISIR	Institutional Student Information Record
DOD	Department of Defense	ITIN	Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
DRI	Disbursement Release Indicator	IVG	Illinois Veteran Grant
DRN	Data Release Number	MAP	Monetary Award Program
ECACE	Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program	MASFAA	Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
ECASLA	Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act	MPN	Master Promissory Note
ED	U.S. Department of Education	MSI	Minority Serving Institutions
EDE	Electronic Data Exchange	MTI	Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship
EFA	Estimated Financial Assistance	MYF	Mapping Your Future (web site)
EFC	Expected Family Contribution (Now SAI)	NACAC	National Association for College Admission Counseling
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer	NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers
EIC	Earned Income Credit (also EITC)	NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
FA	Financial Aid	NASSGAP	National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs
FAA	Financial Aid Administrator	NCAN	National College Attainment Network
FAD	Financial Aid Director	NDN	National Disbursement Network
FADDX	Future Act Direct Data Exchange	NSC	National Student Clearinghouse
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	NSLDS	National Student Loan Data System
FAO	Financial Aid Officer	OFA	Offer of Financial Aid
FAT	Financial Aid Transcript	OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education (ED)
FFELP	Federal Family Education Loan Program (or FFEL)	PC	Parent Contribution
FISAP	Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate	PFC	Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (ISAC program)
FM	Federal Methodology	PIN	Personal Identification Number
FOTP	FAFSA on the Phone	PJ	Professional Judgement
FOTW	FAFSA on the Web	PLUS	Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student
FPS	FAFSA Processing System	P&P	Policy & Procedure Manual
FSA	Federal Student Aid	PSAE	Prairie State Achievement Exam
FSA ID	Federal Student Aid Identifier	PT	Part-time
FSEOG	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	QHP	Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan
FT	Full-time	R2T4	Return of Title IV Funds
FTC	Federal Trade Commission	SAI	Student Aid Index
FTI	Federal Tax Information	SAIG	Student Aid Internet Gateway
FTP	File Transfer Process	SAP	Satisfactory Academic Progress
FUTURE	Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education		
FWS	Federal Work Study		
FY	Fiscal Year		
GA	Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program		
GAP	ISAC Gift Assistance Programs Access		

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SAR	Student Aid Report
SAVE	Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (DHS)
SC	Student Contribution
SETTW	Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Process
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSCR	Student Status Confirmation Report
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
SULA	Subsidized Usage Limit Applies
SWSP	Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship Program
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TEACH	Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant
TPS	Third Party Servicer
TRIO	Special Programs for the Economically Disadvantaged (not an acronym)
USCIS	United States Citizenship and Immigration Service
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIC	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

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Acronym Definition

CPS Central Processing System

EDE electronic data exchange

EFC Expected Family Contribution

FAA financial aid administrator

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FPS FAFSA Processing System

FSA Federal Student Aid

ISIR Institutional Student Information Record

NCAN National College Attainment Network

SAI Student Aid Index

SAR Student Aid Report

SAIG Student Aid Internet Gateway