Test Plan Financial Aid Data Collection

(FADC) - 22/23 Aid Year



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Preparation for Testing

There are no changes to the Financial Aid Data Collection Banner scripts for this collection. No action is required from Banner Managed Services or Institutional DBAs.

Please follow the steps below to prepare for testing:

Step 1

Georgia College Completion Grant

Purpose

The Georgia College Completion Grant, authorized under House Bill 1435 (2022), provides grants of up to \$2,500 for students who are close to completing their degrees (completed 80% of the required credits) and meet the economically disadvantaged criteria established by the GSFC. This grant was first awarded to students in Fall 2022 and will be collected starting in the Financial Aid Data Collection for the 2022-2023 aid year.

Functionality delivered with this release:

This release includes the creation of the following Regents Fund Code for the Georgia College Completion Grant:

FUND CODE	FUND CODE SHORT NAME	FUND TYPE CODE	FUND SOURCE CODE	FROM AWARD YEAR	TO AWARD YEAR	MAX AWARD AMOUNT
GCCG	GA College Completion Grant	NR	ST	2223	9999	2,500

The following validation rule was created under data element Fund Code (FNA003):

VSID053: There must be at least one student per institution with a GCCG Fund Code.

The following validation rule will evaluate the annual \$2,500 maximum award amount per student for the GCCG Fund Code:

VFNA030:



Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

Test Scenario 2:

Verify that the institutional fund code for the Georgia College Completion Grant is translated to Regents Fund Code 'GCCG' on the Banner EDI Cross-Reference Rules (SOAXREF) translation label 'RGTFAID'. (See Appendix B for additional information on creating translations in Banner.)

Extract for Financial Aid on the Data Collection Extraction Application (APEX). Sign into Cognos and navigate to Submission Status > Financial Aid Data Submission Status. Verify that the ETL Status shows 'SUCCESS' and the Status is '4 – ETL successful, but with errors' or '6 - ETL complete and data submission successful'. If not successful, please contact the Data and Reporting Services team at dw_test@usg.edu.

If validation errors exist, click on the link under 'Errors to be Corrected by Institution(s)'. If your institution awarded the Georgia Collection Completion Grant in the 2022 -2023 aid year, verify that the following validation error does not exist:

VSID053: There must be at least one student per institution with a GCCG Fund Code.

Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

Test Scenario 3:

In Cognos, verify that the following error does not exist for your institution for the GCCG Fund Code:

VFNA030: Max Amount Awarded must be valid for the Regents Fund Code Submitted.

You may need to click the 'View / Download' link to determine if VFNA030 errors are related to the GCCG Fund Code. If the VFNA030 error does exist for the GCCG Fund Code, please verify that the error is correct – i.e., a student was awarded more than \$2,500 for the Georgia College Completion Grant.

Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

Test Scenario 4:

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HOPE and PELL Maximum Award Amounts

Purpose

For the 2022 – 2023 aid year, the maximum HOPE Scholarship and HOPE Grant award per semester at a USG institution increased from \$3,840 to \$4,620. Based on this change, the maximum annual award for the HOPE, HOPECT and HOPEGD fund codes need to be increased to \$14,000.

During beta testing of the Financial Aid Data Collection (FADC) 22/23 changes, both Georgia Institute of Technology and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College encountered the VFNA030 validation error for Pell Grant awards that exceeded \$10,000. According to the 'Dear Colleague' letter at REVISED 2022-2023 Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules, the maximum Pell Grant award increased from \$6,495 to \$6,895 for the 2022-2023 award year.

The letter referenced above also includes a reminder that students may be eligible for 150% of the maximum annual award if certain criteria are met. Based on this information, a student could receive up to \$10,342 in Pell for the 2022 - 2023 award year. As a result, the maximum award amount for Pell should be increased.

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Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

Test Scenario 1b:

In Cognos, navigate to Reference Tables > FADM_Fund_Code to view the FADM Fund Code (edw_fadm_fund_codes_lkp) report. Verify that the maximum award amount is 10,500 for the following Regents fund code:

PELL - Pell Grant

Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

Test Scenario 2a:

In Cognos, verify that the following error does not exist for your institution for the HOPE, HOPECT or HOPEGD Fund Codes:

VFNA030: Max Amount Awarded must be valid for the Regents Fund Code Submitted.

You may need to click the 'View / Download' link to determine if VFNA030 errors are related to the HOPE, HOPECT or HOPEGD Fund Codes. If the VFNA030 error does exist for these fund codes, please verify that the error is correct – i.e., a student was awarded more than \$14,000 for the applicable HOPE fund code.

Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

Test Scenario 2b:

In Cognos, verify that the following error does not exist for your institution for the PELL Fund Code:

VFNA030: Max Amount Awarded must be valid for the Regents Fund Code Submitted.

You may need to click the 'View / Download' link to determine if VFNA030 errors are related to the PELL Fund Code. If the VFNA030 error does exist for these fund codes, please verify that the error is correct – i.e., a student was awarded more than \$10,500 for the PELL fund code.

Testing successful? (circle one) Yes / No

If testing was unsuccessful, please explain issues, in detail, here:

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The Change History section for Academic_Term 2223 should display the following:

ACADEMIC_TERM: 2223 CHANGE_DATE: Oct 10, 2023

CHANGE NOTES: Edited the Data Source Table and Column.

Aggregate Subsidized Outstanding Loans (FNA010)

The Business Practices section should display the following:

This element excludes current year subsidized loan obligations.

This data is received from the current academic year ISIR record for the student. The data reported from the Federal NSLDS database reports all cumulative loan data excluding the current academic year. For reporting purposes, calculation of the total student indebtedness, will include outstanding subsidized and unsubsidized loans plus all current loans disbursed for the present academic year.

Example: NSLDS reports that the Student (who is a 5th year Senior) has received \$2625 his freshman year, \$3500 his sophomore year, \$5500 his Junior year, \$5500 his Senior year, therefore has a cumulative loan debt of \$17,125. The FA office must also then refer to Present Academic year disbursed of \$5500 in order to determine the total cumulative loan debt and to ensure that the student has not exceeded his maximum Stafford loan eligibility of \$23,000.

Aggregate Unsubsidized Outstanding Loans (FNA011)

The Business Practices section should display the following:

This element excludes current year unsubsidized loan obligations.

This data is received from the current academic year ISIR record for the student. The data reported from the Federal NSLDS database reports all cumulative loan data excluding the current academic year. For reporting purposes, calculation of the total student indebtedness, will include outstanding subsidized and unsubsidized loans plus all current loans disbursed for the present academic year.

Example: NSLDS reports that a student (who is a 5th year Senior) has received \$2625 his freshman year, \$3500 his sophomore year, \$5500 his Junior year, \$5500 his Senior year, therefore has a cumulative loan debt of \$17,125. The FA office must also then refer to Present Academic year disbursed of \$5500 in order to determine the total cumulative loan debt and to ensure that the student has not exceeded the maximum aggregate loan limit of \$31,000 for dependent students and \$57,500 for

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Appendix A: Document Change History

This section details the history of the document and updates made for each modification.





Appendix B: GCCG - SOAXREF Translation

The institutional fund code for the Georgia College Completion Grant must be translated to Regents Fund Code 'GCCG' on the Banner EDI Cross-Reference Rules (SOAXREF) page translation label 'RGTFAID'. If the institution fund code is 'GCCG', the translation still needs to be created.

For more information on translations, please see the Creating Translations for Data Collections business practice in the Data Collections section of the GeorgiaBEST Business Process websitehe