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Field Name	Description	Comments
Award Year	Award Year the student was enrolled in the program.	• Award year is identified as the four digits of the first calendar year and the four digits of the second calendar year of the award year range. (Example: the award year of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 would be identified as 20082009. • Cannot be less than 20072008 or greater than current award year. • If the information provided in this field is found to be incorrect, the entire record must be deactivated online and re-added.
Student Social Security Number	Social Security Number (SSN) of a student enrolled in a GE Program.	• Must provide SSN along with the identifiers First Name, Last Name, and DOB. • SSN must be a valid SSN as provided by the Social Security Administration. • The first node of the SSN must not contain any of the following: • 9xx-xx-xxxx, 000-xx-xxxx or 666-xx-xxxx • The second node of the SSN must not contain xxx-00-xxxx. • The third node of the SSN must not contain xxx-xx-0000. • If an institution believes the NSLDS data are incorrect, contact the data provider and provide them with verifying documents. • If the information provided in this field is found to be incorrect, the entire record must be deactivated online and re-added. • If SSN is not available, do not report this student.
Student First Name	Student's first name	• Must provide First Name along with the identifiers SSN, Last Name, and DOB. • If the student has no first name, this field contains NFN (no first name). • Must provide the students first name (exactly as it appears on the Social Security card). • Must provide First Name if NLN (no last name) is used. • If an institution believes the NSLDS data are incorrect, contact the data provider and provide them with verifying documents.
Student Middle Name	Middle name or middle initial of a student enrolled in a GE program.	If student has no middle name, populate with spaces.
Student Last Name	Last name of a student enrolled in a GE Program.	• Must provide Last Name along with the identifiers SSN, First Name, and DOB. • If the student has no last name, this field contains NLN. • Must provide the students last name (exactly as it appears on the Social Security card). • Must provide Last Name if NFN (no first name) is used. • If an institution believes the NSLDS data are incorrect, contact the data provider and provide them with verifying documents.
Student Date of Birth	Date (year, month, and day) the student was born.	• Must provide DOB along with the identifiers SSN, First Name, and Last Name. • CCYYMMDD format. • If a student's birth date is unknown, this field contains 19000101. • If an institution believes the NSLDS data are incorrect, contact the data provider and provide them with verifying documents.
Institution Code (OPEID)	The institution's 8-digit ED Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) code used to identify the institution.	• Must be all numbers and a valid OPE institution code from the NSLDS. • The 8 digit code which identifies the specific institution location being reported on. • If servicer or institution is submitting multiple OPEIDs in a single file, populate with '99999999'.
Institution Name	Name of institution.	Official name of the institution as included on the institution's Department of Education's ECAR. Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR). An institution may view an electronic copy of its ECAR at www.eligcert.ed.gov.
Program Name	Institutional name of the program the student was enrolled in during the award year.	Program Name is required.

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CIP Code	Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code for program student was enrolled.	• Six digit code assigned by the academic offices of the institution. • Do not include the '-' or '.' between the first 2 characters and the last 4 characters of the code. • If the information provided in this field is found to be incorrect, the entire record must be deactivated online and re-added. • Must be a valid CIP Code from the 2010 list of available codes.

Credential Level	Credential Level of the program the student was enrolled during this award year.	• Must be one of the following:
		  '01' (Undergraduate certificate or Diploma Program)
		  '02' (Associate's degree)
		  '03' (Bachelor's degree)
		  '04' (Post baccalaureate certificate)
		  '05' (Master's degree)
		  '06' (Doctoral degree)
		  '07' (First professional degree)
		  '08' (Graduate / Professional certificate)
		• If the information provided in this field is found to be incorrect, the entire record must be deactivated online and re-added.

Medical or Dental Internship or Residency	Medical or Dental Internship or Residency Program.	• 'Y' (Student must complete medical or dental internship) • 'N' (Otherwise) • A required medical or dental internship or residency is a supervised training program that- 1. Requires the student to hold a degree as a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, or a doctor of dental science; 2. Leads to a degree or certificate awarded by an institution of higher education, a hospital, or a health care facility that offers postgraduate training; and 3. Must be completed before the borrower may be licensed by the State and board certified for professional practice or service. If Medical or Dental Residency or Internship = 'Yes', then Credential Level must equal '06' (Doctoral degree), '07' (First professional degree) or '08' (Graduate /Professional certificate.
Program Attendance Begin Date	Date student began enrollment in the educational program.	• CCYYMMDD format. • Report this date even if it precedes the beginning of the award year being reported on. • If the date is unknown, populate this field with zeros.
Program Attendance Begin Date for this Award Year	Date in this award year student began enrollment in the educational program.	• Must be within the date range indicated by the award year field (Data Element #1). • CCYYMMDD format.
Program Attendance Status During Award Year	The enrollment status of the student in the educational program.	Must be one of the following: • 'G' (Completed) If student graduated from the educational program at any time during the award year. • 'W' (Withdrew) If student withdrew from the educational program at any time during the award year. • 'E' (Enrolled) If student was enrolled in the educational program on the last day of the award year, June 30.
Program Attendance Status Date	The date of student's completion or withdrawal from the GE Program.	• CCYYMMDD format. • Must be within the date range indicated by the award year field. • Required if Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'G' or 'W'. • If Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'E', report zeros or June 30 of the award year being reported.

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Private Loans Amount	Gross amount of private loans the student received for attendance in GE Program.	• Gross amount of private educational loans received by the student at any time for attendance in the GE Program (not just for this award year). • Report whole dollars only, no dollar signs, commas, or decimal points. Round to the nearest whole dollar. If the student did not receive any private educational loans, enter zero. • Required if Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'G' or 'W'. • If Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'E', report spaces.
Institutional Debt	Amount of institutional debt for attendance in any GE Program at the institution.	• Total amount owed by student from institutional debt for attendance in any GE Program at the institution as of the day the student completed or withdrew from the program, not just from this award year. • Report whole dollars only, no dollar signs, commas, or decimal points. If student did not have any institutional debt, enter zero. • If Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'E', report spaces. • Required if Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'G' or 'W'.
Tuition and Fees Amount	Amount of tuition and fees the student was assessed for enrolling in and attending the GE program.	• Report total amount of tuition and fees assessed the student for the entire program (not just for this award year). • Report whole dollars only, no dollar signs, commas, or decimal points. • Required if Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'G' or 'W'. • Do not report if Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'E'. Leave blank or enter spaces.
Allowance for Books, Supplies, and Equipment	Amount of allowance included in cost of attendance (COA) for books, supplies, and equipment for the student for enrolling in and attending the GE program.	• Report total amount of allowance for books, supplies, and equipment included for the student for the entire program (not just for this award year). • If the institution assessed the student a higher amount than the allowance of Cost of Attendance, report the higher amount. • Report whole dollars only, no dollar signs, commas, or decimal points. • Required if Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'G' or 'W'. • If Program Attendance Status During Award Year equals 'E', report spaces.
Length of GE Program	The length of the instructional program in weeks, months, or years as published by the school.	Format "nnnnnn", with an implied decimal point between the third and fourth digits. Thus, schools should report: "000100" to represent a value of one tenth "001000" to represent a value of one "010000" to represent a value of ten "100000" to represent a value of one hundred Value must be numeric and greater than zero.
Length of GE Program Measurement	The unit of measure for the length of the instructional program as published by the institution.	Valid values: • 'W' (Weeks) • 'M' (Months) • 'Y' (Years)
Student's Enrollment Status as of the 1st Day of Enrollment in Program	Code reflecting student's current enrollment status as of the 1st day of enrollment in program.	Values are: • 'F' (Full-Time) • 'Q' (Three-Quarter Time) • 'H' (Half-Time) • 'L' (Less Than Half-Time)