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Acronyms and definitions of financial aid terms

AAI Adjusted Available Income
AACRAO American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
ACT Provides Educational Services (not an acronym)
AGI Adjusted Gross Income
ATB Ability to Benefit
AY Academic Year
BIG Bonus Incentive Grant
CAM Common Account Maintenance
CAP College Awareness & Preparation
CCI Common Claim Initiative
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COA Cost of Attendance
COD Common Origination and Disbursement
CPS Central Processing System
DAAR Default Aversion Assistance Requests
DHS Department of Homeland Security
DRB/DCL Dear Partner/Colleague Letter
DRA Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
DRN Data Release Number
ED U.S. Department of Education
EDE Electronic Data Exchange
EFA Estimated Financial Assistance
EFC Expected Family Contribution
EFT Electronic Funds Transfer
EIC Earned Income Credit (also EITC)
ELM Educational Loan Management Resources
FAD Financial Aid Administrator
FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FAO Financial Aid Officer
FAT Financial Aid Transcript
FFELP Federal Family Education Loan Program
FINAID-L National Financial Aid Listserv
FISAP Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate
FM Federal Methodology
FOTW FAFSA on the Web
FSA Federal Student Aid
FSAIC Federal Student Aid Information Center
FSEOG Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
FT Full-time
FWS Federal Work-Study
GAPS Grants Administration and Payment System
GEAR UP Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
GED General Education Development Certificate
GPA Grade Point Average
HEA Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended
HEAL Health Education Assistance Loan Program
HELP Higher Education License Plate Program
HERA Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005
HSSP High School Scholarship Programs
HT Half-time
IACAC Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling
IBHE Illinois Board of Higher Education
IDAPP Illinois Designated Account Purchase Program
IFAP Information for Financial Aid Professionals
IFTC Illinois Future Teacher Corps Program
IHSA Illinois High School Association
IIA Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access Program
ILASFAA Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc.
ILFINAID-L ILASFAA's listserv
INFOnet ISAC's Gateway to Meteor
ING Illinois National Guard
IRS Internal Revenue Service
ISAC Illinois Student Assistance Commission
ISBE Illinois State Board of Education
ISIR Institutional Student Information Record
IVG Illinois Veteran Grant
LEAP Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership
(formerly SSIG)
MAP Monetary Award Program
MAP-ADP Monetary Award Program - Automated Delivery Process
MASFAA Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
MDE Multiple Data Entry Processor
MPN Master Promissory Note
MRS Merit Recognition Scholarship
MTI Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship
MYF Mapping-Your-Future
NACAC National Association for College Admission Counseling
NACUBO National Association of College and University Business Officers
NASFAA National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
NASSGAP National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs
NCHELP National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs
NCS National Computer Systems
NDN National Disbursement Network
NOG/DS Notice of Guarantee/Disclosure Statement
NSC National Student Clearinghouse
NSLDS National Student Loan Data System
PEPS Postsecondary Education Participants System
PIN Personal Identification Number
PLUS Parent Loan (not an acronym)
POL Period of Loan
PSAE Prairie State Achievement Exam
PT Part-time
RAD Renewal Application Data
RFA Request For Assistance
RS Repayment Schedule
SAIG Student Aid Internet Gateway
SAP Satisfactory Academic Progress
SAR Student Aid Report
SC Student Contribution
SETTW Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver
SFA Student Financial Aid
SSCR Student Status Confirmation Report
SSN Social Security Number
STAN Student Authentication Network
TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TFC Total Family Contribution
TRIO Special Programs (5) for the Economically Disadvantaged (not an acronym)
USCIS United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
VA Veterans Administration