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### **Reporting Requirements**

Postsecondary institutions participating in state programs are required to submit Disbursement Eligibility Reports (DER) as outlined in State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.002, Postsecondary Educational Institution Administrative Responsibilities for State Student Aid and Tuition Assistance Programs.

#### When to Submit DERs

An institution's disbursement reporting schedule is established based upon the institution's term type. The deadline to submit your institution's DER is 30 days <u>after</u> the last day of drop/add for the specific term at your institution. If your institution has more than one drop/add date because of non-standard terms, you will begin reporting your DER 30 days after the first enrollment drop/add period and then continue to report added disbursements throughout the term. Exceptions to this 30-day deadline are:

- EASE disbursement deadlines are October 30 and February 28 for the first and second semesters or quarters respectively (April 15 for third quarter).
- FWEP disbursement deadlines are due within 30 days of the end of the term.
- FSAG and First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) require specific reporting for Otherwise Eligible (OE) students. OE students are applicants who meet all criteria to receive awards for either term, but were not awarded due to lack of funds. Institutions are to report these students using the disbursement code C99. This OE count is used to calculate institutional annual allocations.

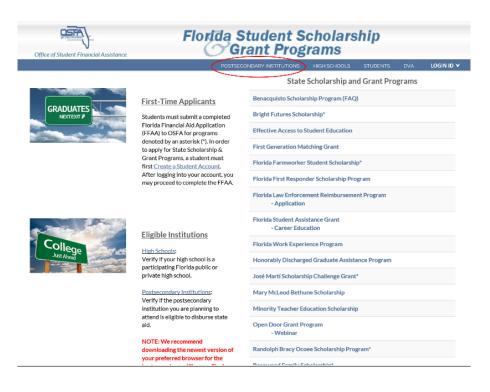
DERs can be completed online or by overnight batch file.

#### How to access the DER Screens

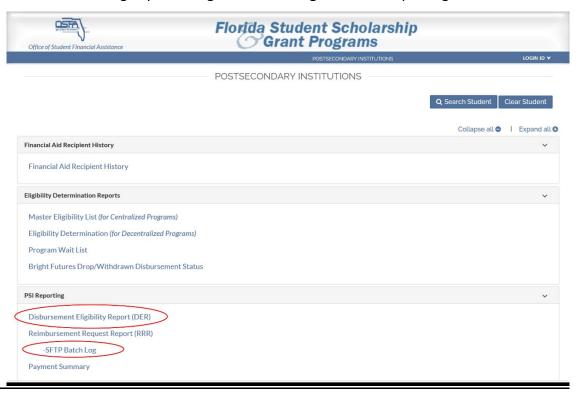
1. To access DER information, visit the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) website at <a href="https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org">https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org</a>.



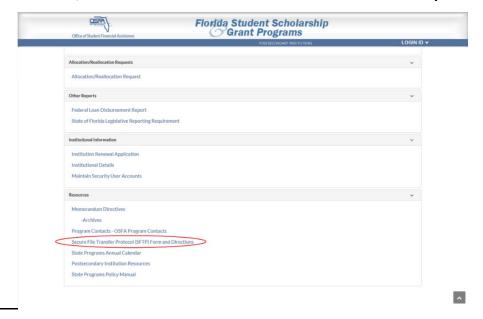
2. Login and select **Postsecondary Institutions** then select the link to the Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER).



3. After logging in, you may then choose to report disbursements by selecting **Disbursement Eligibility Report** or view batch logs by selecting **SFTP Batch Log** in the PSI Reporting Section.



4. The PSI Reporting section contains links to report all state of Florida funds disbursed to eligible students. On the DER, you may report one student at a time by entering information in the fields and selecting 'Search'. You may also report all your students by using the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) batch file. Find information and the request form for SFTP under the link Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) Form and Directions, located in the Resources section on the Postsecondary Institutions tab.



### **Instructions for Centralized Programs**

Initial student eligibility is determined by the Florida Department of Education for Centralized Programs. Institutions have the responsibility to ensure that all other student funding requirements are met, including but not limited to, residency, program of study, and enrolled hours.

Centralized programs include:

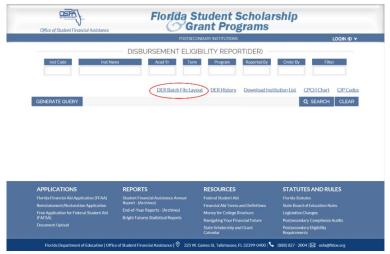
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FIS) [see NOTE below]
- Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship
- José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund
- Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program
- Rosewood Family Scholarship Program
- Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)

Once OSFA has determined a student's eligibility to participate in a Centralized Program, the student's information will be displayed on the DER. This screen will display demographic and generic program information as the default presentation.

Carefully review all information on this screen and make any necessary corrections.

If the institution does not award a student, select the appropriate non-disbursement (cancellation) code and the disbursement amount will automatically change to \$0.00.

The DER Batch File Layout, which details disbursement and non-disbursement codes, can be found on the DER screen above the Search function.



NOTE: The Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FIS) is a hybrid program where the institution determines initial eligibility, and the Florida Department of Education determines renewal eligibility. An initial FIS student is added to the DER once disbursed.

### **Instructions for Decentralized Programs**

Postsecondary institutions determine student eligibility for decentralized programs.

Decentralized programs include:

- First Generation Matching Grant Program (FGMG)
- Florida First Responder Scholarship Program (FFRSP)
- Florida Student Assistance Grant Program (FSAG)
- Florida Student Assistance Grant Career Education (FSAGCE)
- Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)
- Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program (HDGAP)
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program (MMB)
- Minority Teacher Education Scholarship (FFMT)
- Open Door Grant Program (ODG)
- William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Program (EASE)

For those decentralized programs, Add Disbursements will take the user to a student row for data input.

The institution may use the **Add Disbursement** function to input data for students, or after Term 1, the institution may choose to Prefill DER Options. No pre-fill will occur until you activate the request.

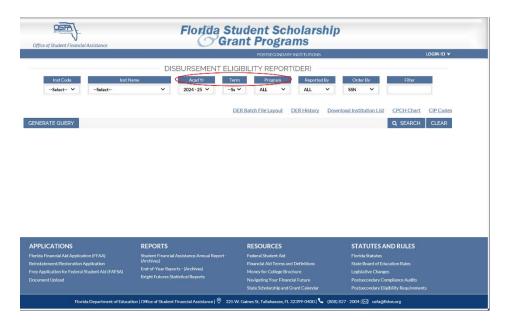
Directions are provided when either a 'Yes' or 'No' is selected. The pre-fill option automatically populates from your prior term's DER for only those students with a D00, D01, or C99 Disbursement Code. A reference guide to all codes is available under Batch File Layout on the DER.

In addition, students with D00, D01, or C99 disbursement codes from other institutions during the prior term, who have now updated their records to indicate your institution, will also pre-fill on your DER.

The following demographic information is pre-filled: SSN, Name, Date of Birth, Sex, Ethnicity, Program, Term/Hours Remaining, and Disbursement Code (DER/OSFA). Each institution has until their first disbursement of the term to select the pre-fill option. Once a disbursement has been submitted, the pre-fill option will no longer be available for that term. Institutions must verify the number of hours enrolled/funded, the amount of disbursement, and update the Disbursement Code before submitting the DER.

#### **Disbursement Processing**

Perform a search for an individual student DER by selecting an **Academic Year**, **Term**, and **Program**; or run a query by selecting an **Academic Year** and **Term**. The **Academic Year** will automatically default to the current academic year.



To further define the search, make selections from the following drop-down menus:

#### Reported By:

- o All: shows students in all available Reported By statuses.
- o Edits: shows all students with Edits.
- o **Disbursed:** shows students who have been successfully disbursed.
- Undisbursed: shows students who have not had a disbursement or non-disbursement submitted.
- Cancelled: shows students that have been cancelled.
- o **D04:** shows student disbursements with dropped or withdrawn hours (Bright Futures specific).

#### Order By:

SSN or Last Name.

#### Filter:

Enter SSN, part of SSN, last name, or part of a last name to select specific records.

After defining the search, you have three options: populate an individual DER by selecting **Search**, add a DER by selecting **Add Disbursement**, or select **Generate Query**.

#### **Populate Individual DER:**

 To populate an individual DER by program, select an Academic Year, Program, Social Security Number or Last Name.

#### Add Disbursement:

o For Decentralized Programs, when an eligible student is attending a postsecondary institution (PSI) but not showing on that PSI's DER, the PSI adds the student to the DER.

#### **Generate Query:**

 This will provide a query of all students who meet criteria selected. Enter the academic year, term, and make a selection from the Program drop-down menu, then select Generate Query.

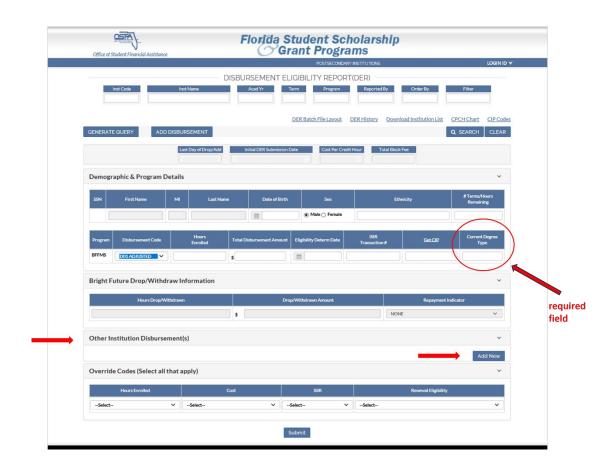


For Centralized Programs, the eligible student must be listed on the Master Eligibility List (MEL) regardless of PSI. A PSI may add students to the DER by selecting **Add Disbursement**.

- Select an Academic Year, Term, and Program to be disbursed. The academic year will automatically default to the current academic year and term.
- Select Add Disbursement.



- Upon entering SSN, data will be prefilled for any student who has a record in the State Student Financial Aid Database (SSFAD).
- Enter any missing data that was not pre-filled with the SSN search.



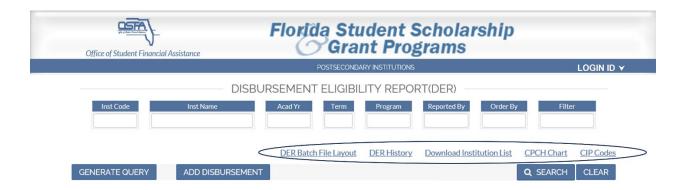
The DER provides institutions with the option to report funding for students in credit hour or clock hour programs. The **Other Institution Disbursement(s)** section may be used to select clock hours, private four year or two year, private votec, CC non-Associate degree. An institution that primarily reports students in credit hour programs may use the Other Institution Disbursement(s) section to report clock hours. To list Clock Hours, users must select **Add New** within the **Other Institution Disbursement(s)** field and select **Clock Hours** from the **Institution Name** drop-down menu. (Review Field Sequence 38 of the DER File Layout).

Once all data is entered and reviewed for accuracy, select **Submit**. A confirmation message will be displayed if the record was successfully submitted to the database. If an unsuccessful submission occurs, an edit message should appear above the **Demographic & Program Details** section.

Existing Disbursements: Institutions can adjust disbursement amounts and hours enrolled using the DER.

Changes to the disbursement amount or hours enrolled are made only to individual student records.

- All successfully submitted changes to a student's record will result in a change of the disbursement code from D00 to D01. (NOTE: The disbursement code will automatically change in the event the PSI does not select the **D01** disbursement code.)
- Existing student disbursement records can be adjusted to a cancel code of "CXX" for reasons determined by the institution.
- o Listings of all disbursement/non-disbursement codes can be found using the Batch File Layout.
- OSFA staff members must make any necessary changes to a student disbursement record after the end
  of the state fiscal year (June 30).



#### **Disbursement Batch Processing**

<u>Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)</u> is a standard network protocol used to transfer files from one host to another over a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)-based network. SFTP users authenticate themselves using a username and password sign-in. To request access, please e-mail OSFASecurity@fldoe.org.

Any postsecondary institution that is determined eligible for state scholarships and grants may utilize the OSFA SFTP for file uploads/downloads from the SSFAD. Only files for your institution's students of record (per the SSFAD) are provided. If your institution does not need to upload/download files from OSFA, you will continue to be able to determine eligibility and disburse students via manual entry on the DER regardless of SFTP use.

After requesting an SFTP account, you will receive an e-mail from OSFA indicating that we have created an account for your institution to access our SFTP server through a secure batch process or manually with software such as Secure Client or through our Managed File Transfer (MFT) Internet Transfer Client website. The account ID is your 3-digit state account ID number. Your password will be sent under separate cover via email or by phone.

To reach our server with Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), go to <a href="https://transfer.fldoe.org">https://transfer.fldoe.org</a>.

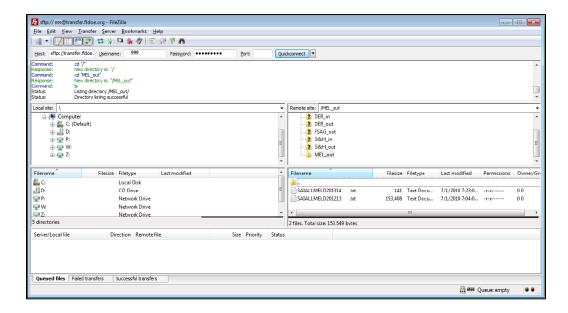
### **Submitting a DER Batch File**

If you are providing Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER), Grade & Hours data or Reimbursement Request Report (RRR), you will have folders called DER\_in, G&H\_in, or RRR\_in, in which to place these files. For data that you are retrieving from OSFA [e.g., the Master Eligibility List (MEL)], there is a folder with the 3-character acronym, MEL, followed by "out" (the terms "in and "out" are relative to our server).

#### **OSFA – SSFAD File Naming Convention**

- A. Grade and Hours (G&H) Layout File Naming Convention:
  - a) {YYYYMMDD}SAIGRHR{PSI}.txt
  - b) Ex. 20240630SAIGRHR999.txt
- B. Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) Layout File Naming Convention:
  - a) {CCYYMMDD}SAIDER{PSI}T{Term Identifier}.txt
  - b) Ex. 20240830SAIDER999T1.txt
- C. Master Eligibility List (MEL) File Layout File Naming Convention:
  - a) SAIALLMELD(YYYY)(YY+1)PSI.txt
  - b) Ex. SAIALLMELD202425999.txt
- D. Reimbursement Request Report (RRR) File Layout File Naming Convention:
  - a) {YYYYMMDD}SAIRRR{PSI}T{Term Identifier}.txt
  - **b)** Ex. 20240830SAIRRR999T1.txt

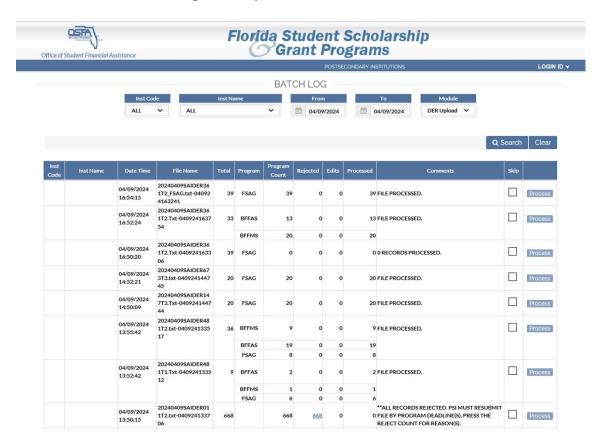
An example of an SFTP account (shown via FileZilla) is below.



Each uploaded batch file runs through an overnight procedure. Institutions should check the status of a submitted batch file the next day by viewing the SFTP Batch Log. To view status, select **SFTP Batch Log** under the **PSI Reporting** heading.



You may view information under your Inst Code/Inst Name. After selecting the desired date range and selecting **Search**, you will see a screen like the one below. Messages will appear to inform you of the status of your files. A successful upload will display "File Successfully Updated" on the Batch Log. By selecting the Rejected item number on the Batch Log screen, you will find the student records that need to be corrected.





- **File Name**: This is the naming convention used to perform the batch process.
- **Date Time**: The date and time the message was generated.
- Comments: The message generated during the batch process.

Results of an unsuccessful upload are shown below. Check rejected record.



### Completing a DER for Bright Futures Gold Seal Cape (GSC)/Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) Program

GSV scholars may be funded for up to 100 percent of their program of study only in the career education programs (listed below).

- Students may be funded for <u>up to 72 semester hours</u> (or 2,160 clock hours) except in the Applied Technology Diploma (ATD), where they are limited to 60 semester hours (or 1,800 clock hours).
- Students may be funded in additional certificates, diplomas, and/or degrees as listed below up to the maximum hours of funding allowed.
- o If students finish an ATD and then transfer into another eligible program, they are eligible to be funded up to 72 semester hours (or 2,160 clock hours).
- Students may receive funding in these <u>career education programs</u>, listed in the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes chart up to their Bright Futures <u>maximum hours of funding</u>.

Students who earn a GSC award and attain an Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree may receive an additional 60 hours of funding toward a qualifying Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Applied Science degree program.

When you post to the Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) for GSV or GSC, the cost per credit hour is sensitive to the Current Degree Type field.

- o The CIP Code & Current Degree Type fields are mandatory for all OSFA programs.
- The CIP codes reported on the DER will be validated against the CIP codes in the statewide curriculum frameworks for the above programs.

The disbursement will be denied, and an Edit Message will display an explanation if a student is listed to receive funding in an ineligible program.

While on the DER page, select CIP Codes.

The resulting pop-up window will provide the ability to select the appropriate **CIP Code** from a list and have that selected code fill into the student's DER. From the CIP Code Program Areas drop-down menu, select the appropriate program area.





#### **Bright Futures Funding**

Bright Futures cost per credit hour (CPCH) award amounts for the academic year are based on tuition and fee information received from the Board of Governors (for public state universities), the Division of Florida Colleges (for Florida College System institutions), and self-reported data from public vocational/technical institutions. Private institution award amounts are derived by through a fixed award calculation by using the average tuition and fee calculation for full-time attendance at a public postsecondary education institution at the comparable level. This is applicable to the Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS) award levels.

Bright Futures recipients will receive a fixed CPCH award based on:

- Award Level [Academic Top Scholar (ATS), Florida Gold Seal Cape Scholar (GSC), or Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV)].
- Institution Type [4-year, or Vocational/Technical].
- Credit Type [semester, quarter, or clock hour].
- Degree Type.

OSFA will calculate the award amount based on the number of hours the student is enrolled. Institutions will report the hours enrolled on the DER and OSFA will perform the calculation based on the appropriate CPCH for the student's award and institution type.

Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount of the tuition and fees as students enrolled in public institutions as noted in the Private Award Chart at <a href="https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFPrivateAwards.pdf">https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFPrivateAwards.pdf</a>.

#### **Reporting Dropped/Withdrawn Courses**

Students are required to repay the cost of dropped or withdrawn Bright Futures-funded courses unless granted an exception by the institution.

Students who have not repaid, not made satisfactory arrangements to repay, or have not been granted an exception for repayment are ineligible to receive funding for Bright Futures for the next academic year until this repayment has been met and reported by postsecondary institution.

Because many state scholarship and grant programs require that a student not owe repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program, any student who has not met the repayment obligation will also be ineligible to receive other state scholarships and grants.

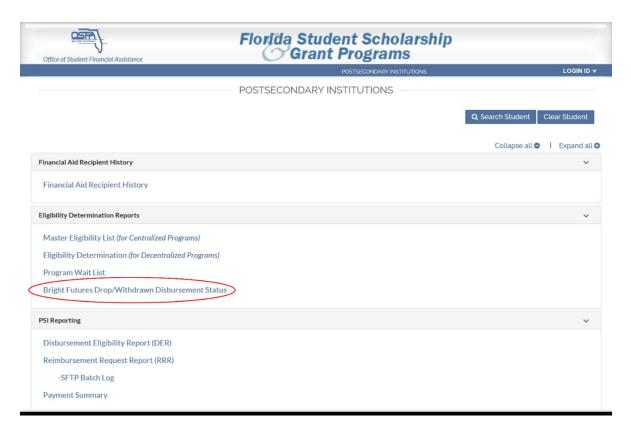
These students are identified on the **Bright Futures Drop/Withdrawn Disbursement Status** list. The list may be accessed online at <a href="https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org">https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org</a>.



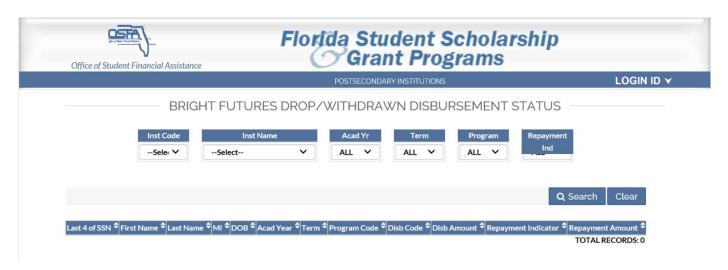
#### Once logged in, select Postsecondary Institutions



Then, select **Bright Futures Drop/Withdrawn Disbursement Status** in the **Eligibility Determination Reports** section.



The list is searchable by Academic Year (Acad Yr), Term, Program, and Repayment Indicator (Repayment Ind).



After selecting the desired search parameters, you may view your institution's list of students that contain a D04 disbursement code. Any student with a "N" Repayment Indicator may not receive funding until their repayment obligation has been met.



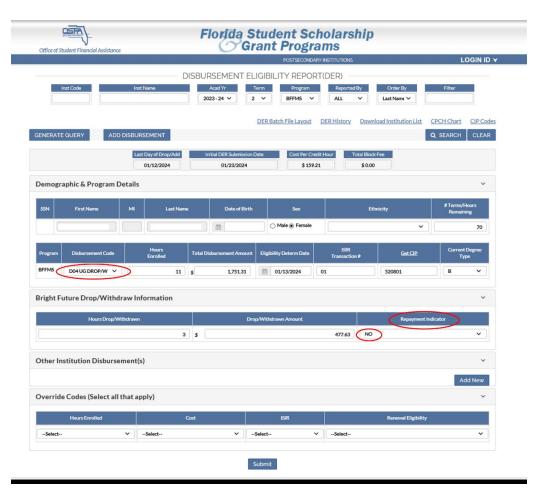
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Institutions will receive an exception code of E69, Student Not Eligible for Funding Due to Default Status, if they attempt to fund a student with a "N" Repayment Indicator found on the Bright Futures Drop/Withdrawn Disbursement Status list. When a student's repayment obligation has been met and reported by the postsecondary institution, the students on this list will have their Repayment Indicator updated to the new value.

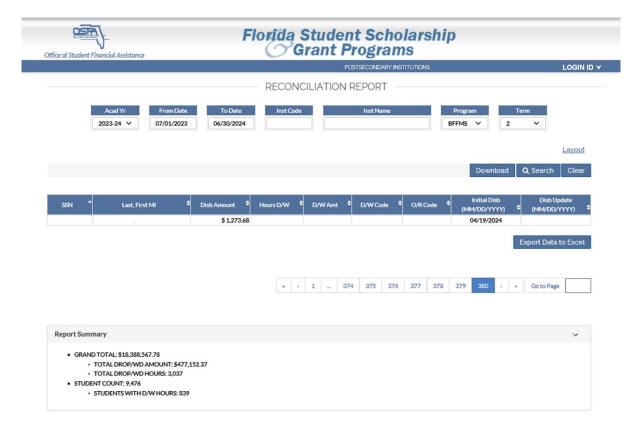
Institutions will utilize a D04 disbursement code (as shown below) to report a student who drops or withdraws from a course.



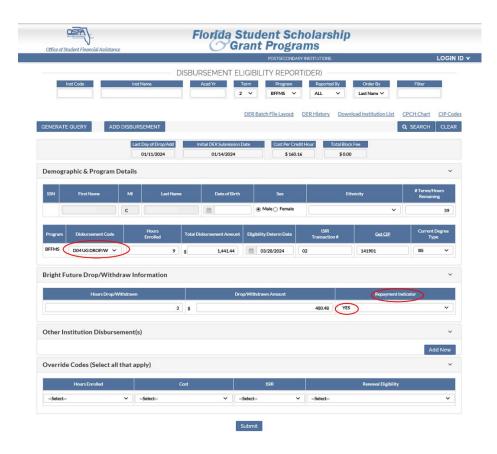
When an institution uses the D04 code to adjust a disbursement, OSFA will automatically calculate the hours dropped or withdrawn and the amount the student must repay. This amount will be displayed on the student's online DER record and the institution's Reconciliation Report. Institutions will find their refund amounts for dropped or withdrawn courses per student and a total per term and year on the Reconciliation Report. Institutions can also find their total refund amounts on the Payment Summary screen.



An institution will know how much a student owes for a dropped or withdrawn course. A filter on the online DER query will be displayed for a student who dropped or withdrew from courses and the amount owed by the student. The hours dropped and the amount to be repaid will populate each student's individual online DER record (see above) and the institution's Reconciliation Report (see below) when an adjustment is made using a D04 disbursement code.



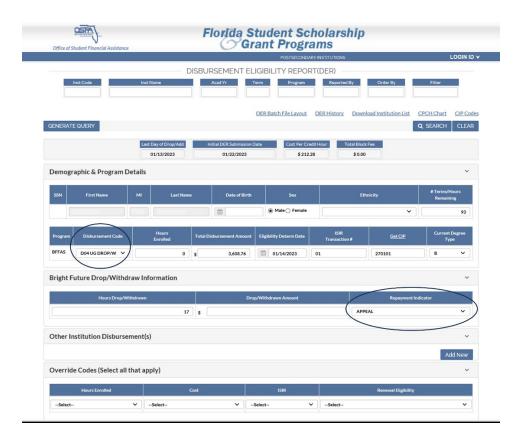
When a student repays the cost of a dropped or withdrawn course, the institution must report the repayment on the DER using a "Yes" or "Satisfactory" (indicating satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made with the institution) [see below] in the "Repayment Indicator" field (Field Sequence 18). Upon receiving this information, OSFA will automate a return of the student's hours to the "# Terms/Hours Remaining" field displayed on the student's Bright Futures record on the DER, the Financial Aid Recipient History, and the Master Eligibility List.



If a student who drops or withdraws is granted an appeal, the student does not have to repay the cost of the hours.

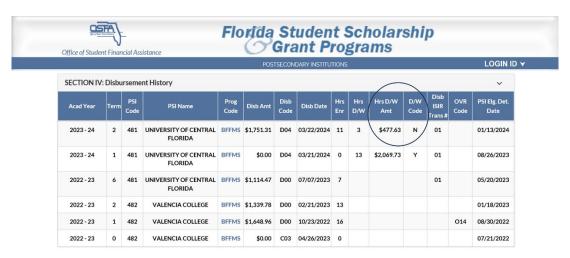
- The institution must report the adjustment on the DER using the D04 disbursement code (Batch Field Sequence 13) and an "Appeal" in the "Repayment Indicator" field (Batch Field Sequence 18) indicating the cost of the courses does not have to be repaid by the student.
- Students will NOT have the hours returned to the total of their "#Terms/Hours Remaining" field on their Bright Futures record on the DER, the Financial Aid Recipient History, or the Master Eligibility List.

The appeal process will work the same as the current grade and hour's appeals process. If a student believes there are grounds for an exception, an appeal should be made through the postsecondary institution. The institution will make a recommendation to OSFA via online reporting or batch DER to approve or deny the exception as outlined above.



Unless granted an exception through the appeal process, a student is required to repay for dropped or withdrawn course(s).

Upon reporting a D04, the database will trigger an automatic e-mail to students informing them of their responsibility to repay the cost of their dropped or withdrawn courses. This information will also be available to students on their Financial Aid Recipient History screen (see illustration below) located on the OSFA website. The law also requires institutions to inform students of the Bright Futures repayment provision.



Institutions will complete the refund process for the cost of the dropped or withdrawn courses. Institutions are required to refund the cost of dropped or withdrawn courses within 30 days of the end of each academic term. Institutions will provide additional term refunds, as they become due, based on any subsequent term adjustments that result in a balance.

#### **Graduate Funding**

Bright Futures students may use their award for graduate study if specific criteria are met. The criteria for Bright Futures graduate study funding are outlined below.

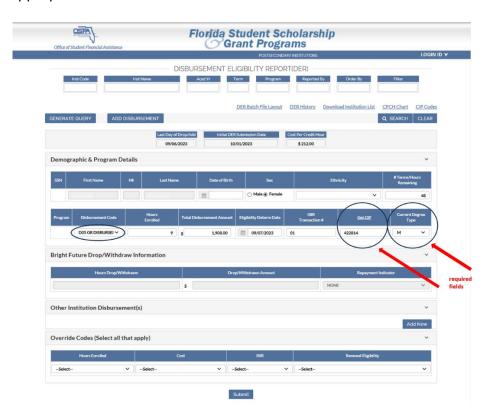
A Florida Academic Scholar or Florida Medallion Scholar award recipient, who graduates with a baccalaureate degree in seven or fewer semesters, or in 105 semester hours or fewer, may receive funding for one semester of graduate study, not to exceed 15 credit hours paid at the undergraduate rate. Graduate school funding must be used within the applicable scholarship length.

#### The D05 Code:

The **D05** code is required to report an **original** disbursement for a student who meets the graduate funding criteria. The **D05** code is the equivalent of the D00 code for undergraduate students.

#### To report an original D05 disbursement:

- Check the student's Financial Aid Recipient History screen to determine if the student meets the terms/hours requirement.
- o Determine whether the student received a baccalaureate degree.
- Utilize the D05 disbursement code on the DER.
- Report the appropriate hours enrolled.

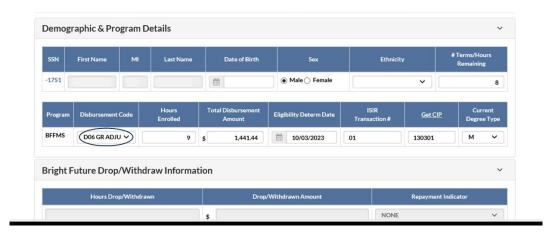


#### The D06 Code:

The **D06** code is used to report an adjusted disbursement for a student receiving Bright Futures graduate funding. The **D06** code is the equivalent of the D01 code for undergraduate students.

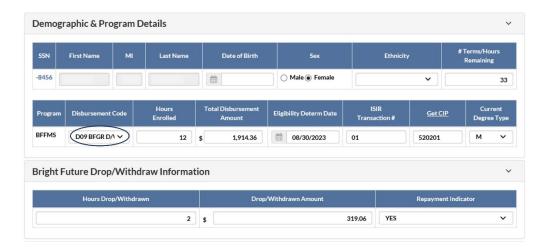
#### To report an adjusted D06 disbursement:

- Adjust an existing D05 disbursement by changing the hours enrolled and disbursement amount.
- Utilize the D06 disbursement code on the DER.



#### The D09 Code:

- The **D09** code is used to report a drop/withdrawal adjustment for a student receiving Bright Futures graduate funding (**D09** for graduate students = **D04** for undergraduate students).
- **D09** disbursement requires the student to repay the institution and the institution to repay the state for a dropped /withdrawn course.



#### To report a D09 drop/withdrawal disbursement:

- O Determine if the student has dropped/withdrawn from a Bright Futures funded graduate program.
- Utilize the D09 disbursement code to the DER.
- The student will be responsible for reimbursing the institution for the cost of the dropped/withdrawn course and the institution will be responsible for repaying the state.

After a D05, D06, or D09 disbursement code is reported, the student will become ineligible for any future Bright Futures disbursements.

#### Edits:

Institutions attempting to report improper disbursements will receive the appropriate edit informing them of the disbursement error.

An institution attempting to fund an ineligible student with a new D05 code will receive a new edit on the disbursement record: (E70) STUDENT NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BRIGHT FUTURES GRADUATE FUNDING DUE TO NOT MEETING CRITERIA.

#### Disbursement Code D03 for Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)

Section 1009.77(8)(a), Florida Statutes, allows a student to be employed during the break between two consecutive terms or employed, although not enrolled, during a term. State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.038(8), Florida Administrative Code, further states that funds allocated shall be used by the institutions during the July 1 through June 30 state fiscal year.

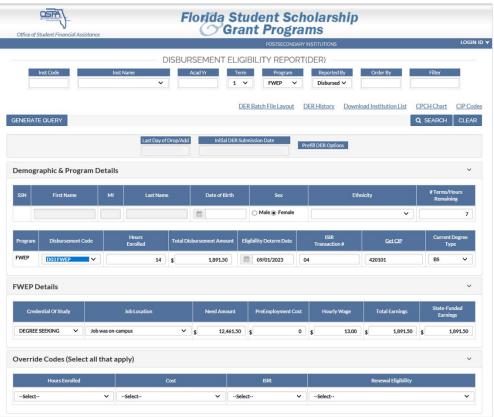
In accordance with statute and rule, the D03 disbursement code identifies those students disbursed FWEP during a break between two consecutive terms of enrollment. To be eligible for FWEP during a break, a student must have been enrolled at least half-time during the previous term and pre-register for at least half-time for the subsequent term.

SSFAD will check the prior term for at least half-time enrollment. If none is found, then an exception will appear on the record. The institution is allowed to override an exception if the student was enrolled at least half-time the previous term. It is the institution's responsibility to ensure the students disbursed with D03 were enrolled at least half-time the previous term and have pre-registered for the subsequent term.

FWEP Disbursements should be reported as follows:

D00/D01 = Enrolled

D03 = The student is working and was enrolled at least half-time in the previous term, not enrolled at least half-time in the current term.



### **Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH)**

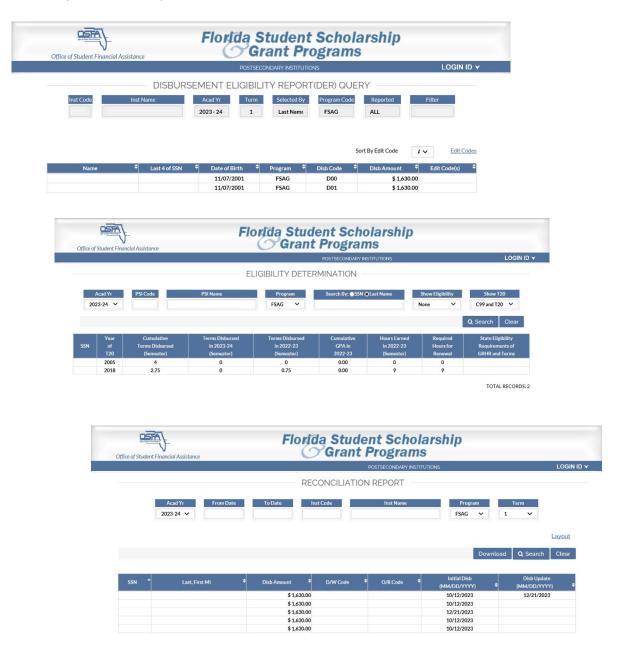
Postsecondary institutions may view the Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH) for a student from three sources. The PSI may view a recipient's financial aid history by selecting the **recipient's SSN** on the **Master Eligibility List** screen, **Disbursement Eligibility Report** (DER) screen, Eligibility Determination List, or **Reconciliation Report** screen. The user will view a student's:

- o Demographics.
- o Institution Selected.
- o Annual Program Status.
- o Current Year Hours/Terms Remaining.
- Disbursement History.
- Grade and Hours History.
- o Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).
- Correspondence History.

If you choose to view the FARH screen from the **Master Eligibility List**, go to the Master Eligibility List, set the required parameters, select **Search**, and select the student's **SSN**.



To view the FARH screen from the DER screen, go to the DER screen, set the required parameters, and select **Search**. Then, select the student's **Last 4 of SSN** that is listed in the DER. To view the FARH screen from the DER Report Query, select the student's **Last 4 of SSN**. The student's information will pre-fill in the DER. Then, select the student's **Last 4 of SSN** that is listed in the DER. To view the student's information from the Eligibility Determination List, go to Eligibility Determination, set the required parameters, and select **Search**. If you choose to view the FARH screen from the Reconciliation Report, go to the Reconciliation Report, set the required parameters, select **Search**, and select the student's **Last 4 of SSN**.



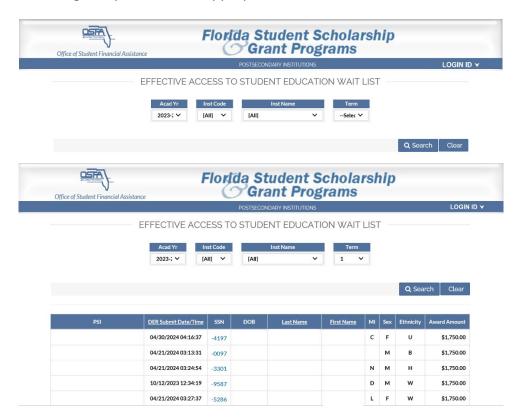
The following are section descriptions of the FARH.

Fir	Financial Aid Recipient History	
Section	Description	
I. Demographic Information	Provides student's SSN, name, date of birth, postal address, sex, ethnicity, and phone/e-mail as provided to OSFA. Also, indicates PSI choice.	
II. Annual Program Status	Provides program name and status (eligible/ineligible/pending) per application type. Select <b>Ineligible Status Reasons</b> to access ineligibility reasons.	
III. Hours/Terms Remaining	Per program, provides total maximum program terms/ hours and program terms/hours remaining for the specified student. Note the field that provides the last date updated.	
IV. Disbursement History	Provides, per academic year and term, the institution name, program, and disbursement amount and date. Also provides number of dropped/withdrawn Bright Futures hours (if applicable) and amount owed. Shows the ISIR transaction number used for need-based programs.  Select DISB CODE, D/W DODE, OVERRIDE CODE, AND PSI ELIG DETERMINATION DATE to access definitions used.	
V. Grade & Hours History	Provides, per academic year, the total hours earned, the institutional cumulative GPA, and date submitted by the institution. Also displays status of appeals.	
VI. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) History	Provides, per academic year, the ISIR transaction number, process date, dependency status and Student Aid Index (SAI) amount. Select DEPENDENCY STATUS CODE and SAI AMOUNT to access definitions used.	
VII. Correspondence History	Provides date and letter description of all notifications sent (e-mail or hardcopy postal mail) to the student from OSFA or posted (View) to the student's history screen. Also, select the link on the letter code to view the notification.	

### **Effective Access to Student Education Program (EASE) Waiting List**

The institution may track applicants who are eligible for EASE awards, but have not been funded due to late reporting, through the EASE Waiting List component. This module allows the participating PSIs to view applicants who are on the waiting list at their institution.

- From the State Program home page, select Postsecondary Institutions, then under Eligibility Determination Reports, select Program Wait List.
- o Your institution will pre-populate within the **Inst Code** drop-down and **Inst Name** menus.
- o The screen will automatically default to the current academic year (Acad Yr).
- Select a **Term** from the drop-down menu. If there are applicants on the waiting list, the system will generate a table, shown below, including information for each applicant. The DER Submit Date/Time provides a time stamp for each student entered since disbursements are awarded on a first come, firstserved basis contingent upon available appropriations.

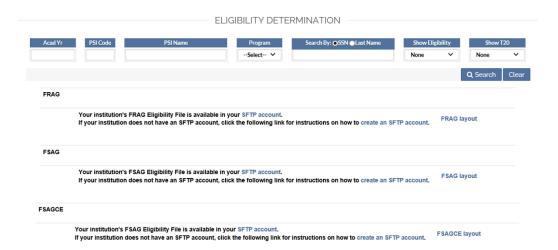


#### Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)/(EASE) Eligibility

The institution may view a list of FSAG and EASE applicants through the Eligibility Determination screen. The PSI has the ability to view all terms disbursed, review grade and hours, and view the number of terms a student was disbursed in the preceding academic year. Note, the acronym "FRAG" is used to denote the EASE program.

### Accessing the FSAG/EASE Eligibility Determination Lists

- Select View FSAG/EASE Institutional Eligibility Determination from Eligibility Determination Lists on the PSI menu. An example of the Eligibility Determination screen is shown below.
- Select the desired academic year and FSAG/EASE from the 'Program' drop-down.
- o To search for a particular applicant, select **SSN** or **Last Name** from the 'Select By' drop-down.
  - Enter an applicant's SSN or Last Name.
  - Select Search to search the database for records matching the applicants for whom SSN or last name was entered.
- To search for multiple applicants, select All, With Eligibility Status, or Without Eligibility Status from the 'Show Eligibility' drop-down.
  - Click Search to search the database for records matching the status request.



The next screen to appear will provide data for each student including all terms disbursed, grade and hours, the number of terms a student was disbursed in the preceding academic year, and Grade and Hours Eligibility Status. For example, if no FSAG eligibility status is present, the student was not disbursed FSAG during the prior academic year.

To return to the Eligibility Determination screen and request a different query, select Clear.

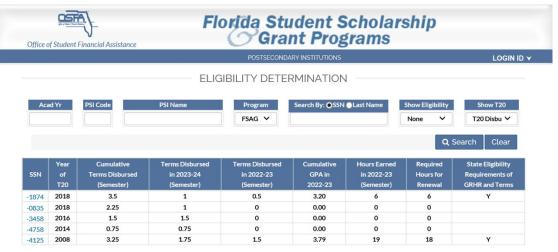


### **Reviewing the Talented 20 List**

Students who have been recognized as Talented Twenty (T-20) receive priority consideration for state university admissions and priority funding for FSAG. Institutions will need to review their T-20 list to ensure all eligible students are considered for FSAG. T-20 students must meet FSAG eligibility requirements in order to be eligible for priority funding.

From the PSI menu, under **Eligibility Determination Lists**, select View **FSAG/EASE Institutional Eligibility Determination**.





TOTAL RECORDS: 5

Select from the 'Show T20' field to review any T-20 students attending your institution.

### **Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FIS)**

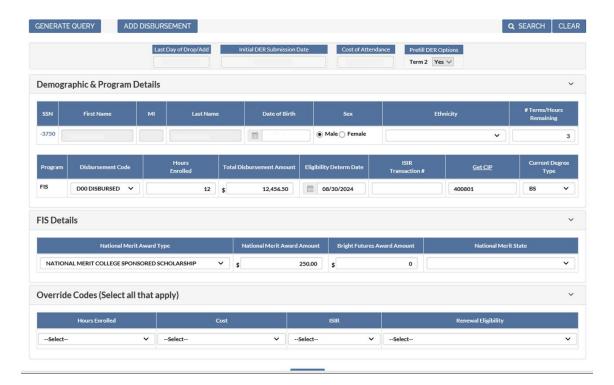
The Benacquisto Scholarship Program is a merit scholarship for Florida high school graduates who receive recognition as a National Merit<sup>®</sup> Scholar. Scholars will receive an award, which is equal to the institutional cost of attendance minus the sum of Bright Futures and the National Merit<sup>®</sup> award.

#### **FIS Award Procedures**

- Eligible students will receive an award equal to the per term institutional cost of attendance (COA), minus the sum of the Bright Futures (BF) award and an award associated with the National Merit (NM) process. [Benacquisto Scholarship Program Award= COA- (BF + NM)].
- The highest institutional COA, as reported by the Board of Governors of the State University System, will be used in the calculation of awards for students who attend an eligible four-year independent postsecondary institution.
- A National Merit Finalist becomes a scholar based upon receiving one of the following qualifying scholarships: National Merit<sup>®</sup> \$2,500 Scholarship, Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarship, College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship.

The COA will automatically populate in each institution's DER. A disbursement calculation for COA is divided in half for fall/spring. The screen below illustrates the steps to process a Benacquisto Scholarship Program student.

The Add Disbursement function must be utilized for all initial FIS disbursement submissions.

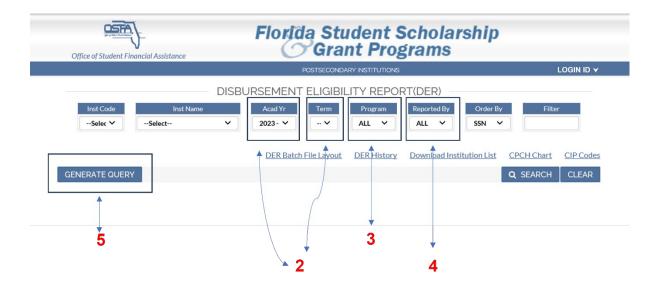


- 1. Select Add Disbursement button.
- 2. Enter demographic information and adjust the Hours Enrolled, Get CIP & Current Degree Type.
- 3. Select the corresponding National Merit Award Type received.
- 4. Enter the amount each student receives from National Merit.
- 5. Enter the amount each student receives from Bright Futures.
- 6. Select Submit.

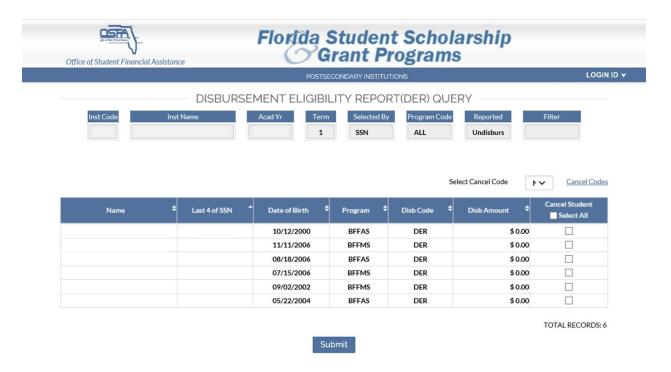
### Steps to Report Cancellations for Multiple Records with the Same Code

The screen shots provided below illustrate the steps to locate and process undisbursed DER records.

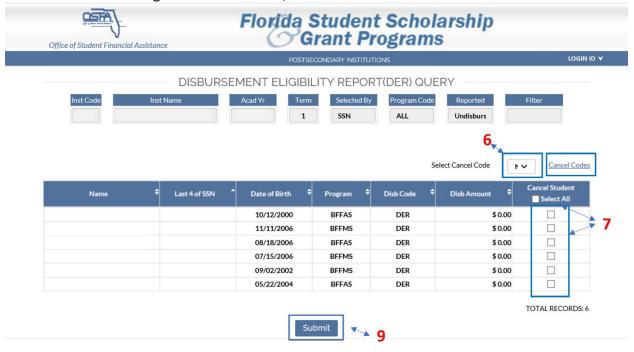
- 1. Select "Disbursement Eligibility Report" from Postsecondary Institutions.
- 2. Select the appropriate **Academic Year** and **Term** from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Select an **Individual Program** in the Program drop-down menu (to review <u>all</u> undisbursed students, regardless of program).
- 4. Select **Undisbursed** in the Reported drop-down menu.
- 5. Select Run DER Report Query.



The DER Report Query will populate in a new window according to the selections made in steps 1-4.



- 6. Select the appropriate cancellation code from the 'Cancel Code' drop down menu. For a complete listing of the cancellation codes, select the **Cancel Codes hyperlink** in the bottom right-hand corner.
- 7. Select each student to be submitted with the cancellation code indicated in step 6, "Select All" will apply to every student listed.
- 8. All of the students selected will be cancelled at once.
- 9. When finished selecting students to cancel, select Submit.



10. Verify student's cancellation by selecting Cancel from the 'Reported By' drop-down menu.



#### **DER Definitions**

#### **HOURS ENROLLED**

Report only whole college credit hours in which a student is funded at the approved cost per credit hour located on the DER. This number is the actual number of hours the student is being funded and is used to determine the award amount.

#### HOURS DROPPED/WITHDRAWN

This field indicates the number of Bright Futures funded hours dropped or withdrawn by a student. Institution should report the number of hours the student remained enrolled after the drop/withdrawal.

#### **CIP CODE**

The Classification of Instructional Programs Code indicates the student's field of study. The chart has been updated with the latest version of CIP Codes – CIP 2010.

#### **CURRENT DEGREE TYPE**

This field indicates type of degree or credential students are seeking: Associates, Bachelors, Certificates, or vocational/ career certificates and diplomas.

#### **REPAYMENT INDICATOR**

This field displays the status of repayment for dropped/withdrawn hours.

- No = Student has not repaid the cost of the dropped/withdrawn hours.
- Yes = Student has repaid the cost of the dropped/withdrawn hours.
- Appeal = Student has been granted an exception and does not have to repay the cost of the dropped/withdrawn hours.
- Satisfactory = Student has made a satisfactory arrangement to repay the cost of the dropped/withdrawn hours.

### **Disbursement/Non-Disbursement Codes**

Code	Description	Program
C01	RECEIVED BACHELOR'S DEGREE	All Programs
C02	GRADUATED FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR COMPLETED PROGRAM	All Programs
C03	NON-DEGREE SEEKING	All Programs
C04	CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT NOT MET	All Programs
C05	NOT A FLORIDA RESIDENT	All Programs
C06	ENROLLED LESS THAN 6 HOURS	All Programs
C07	STUDENT IS DECEASED	All Programs
C08	WITHDREW	All Programs
C09	ENROLLED LESS THAN 9 HOURS	All Programs
C10	NOT ENROLLED	All Programs
C12	ENROLLED LESS THAN 12 HOURS	All Programs
C19	DECLINED AWARD	All Programs
C24	IN DEFAULT ON A STUDENT LOAN OR IN REPAYMENT FOR STATE GRANT	All Programs
C26	RECEIVING OTHER AID	All Programs
C97	NOT DISBURSED - OTHER REASON	All Programs
C99	FAOE - OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE (OE)	FSAG (ALL), FGMG, MMB and FWEP
D00	DISBURSED	All Programs
D01	DISBURSED WITH ADJUSTMENT	All Programs
D02	FSAG SUPPLEMENTAL DISBURSMENT	FSAG
D03	FWEP FUNDING BETWEEN SPRING AND FALL	FWEP
D04	BF DROPPED/WITHDRAWN COURSES	BF
D05	BF GRADUATE STUDY	BF
D06	BF GRADUATE STUDY WITH ADJUSTMENT	BF
D09	BF GRADUATE STUDY THAT HAS BEEN DROPPED/WITHDRAWN	BF
DER	DER/OSFA USE ONLY TO CREATE A CENTRALIZED INITIAL DER OR AN EDITED DER	All Programs

#### **Hours Enrolled Override Codes**

Code	Category	Description
010	HOURS ENROLLED	ADA 75% 9-11 HOURS
011	HOURS ENROLLED	ADA 50% 6-8 HOURS
012	HOURS ENROLLED	HOURS ENROLLED = FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
O13	HOURS ENROLLED	ENROLLED LESS THAN PROGRAM REQUIREMENT & GRADUATING/PROGRAM LENGTH/ANNUAL LIMIT/FWEP PREVIOUS ENROLLED
027	HOURS ENROLLED	TRANSCRIPT HS GRAD DATE

- O10 This is in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This code indicates that a student
  has a verifiable disability that only allows for a maximum of part-time (¾ time) enrollment and should
  be funded at 75% of award amount.
- O11 This is in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This code indicates that a student has a verifiable disability that only allows for a maximum of half-time (½ time) enrollment and should be funded at 50% of award amount.
- O12 This code indicates that a student is enrolled for at least 6 hours but funded for less than 6 hours because a student has less than 6 hours remaining on the scholarship.
- O13 This code indicates that a student is graduating at the end of the current term and needs less than
  the standard program course load to complete graduation requirements.
- O27 This code indicates that a student has an issue with their high school graduation date listed on their transcript.

#### **Cost Override Codes**

Code	Category	Description
O20	COST	BFFMS 2-YEAR PUBLIC NON-ASSOCIATE DEGREE
025	COST	2-YEAR BACCALAUREATE
O26	COST	COST PER CREDIT HOUR (CPCH) ADJUSTED UP OR DOWN
028	COST	2-YEAR BACCALAUREATE COST PER CREDIT HOUR (CPCH) ADJUSTED UP OR DOWN

- O20 This code indicates that a Florida Medallion Scholar is attending a Florida college, is enrolled in a certificate or diploma program, and should be funded at that cost per credit hour.
- O25 This code indicates that a student is attending a Florida College System institution, is enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, and should be funded at the bachelor's degree cost per credit hour.
- O26 This code is used for Scholarships for Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)
  and BF and allows a lower disbursement amount than OSFA's calculation if the student has a lower
  tuition and fee amount. It allows the cost to be adjusted up or down.
- O28 This code indicates that a student is attending a Florida College System institution, is enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, and should be funded at the bachelor's degree cost per credit hour. It allows the cost to be adjusted up or down.

#### **ISIR Override Codes:**

Code	Category	Description
014	ISIR	TRANSACTION # OVERRIDE
015	ISIR	SAI OVERRIDE
022	ISIR	FAFSA OVERRIDE

- O14 TRANSACTION # OVER Transaction number override; institutions may use the override option if they evaluate the student using an alternative transaction number.
- O15 SAI OVERRIDE Student Aid Index override; institutions may use the override option if they wish to disburse the student using a higher SAI than the established cutoff.
- O22 FAFSA OVERRIDE For students who are unable to file the FAFSA due to no SSN or whose attempt to file a hardcopy FAFSA using zeros in the SSN field did not produce a complete and error-free ISIR.

#### **Renewal Eligibility Codes:**

Code	Category	Description
016	ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL	GRADE & HOURS APPEAL OVERRIDE
017	ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL	PROBATION OVERRIDE
018	ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL	EXTENDED FIVE-YEAR OVERRIDE
O19	ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL	EXTENDED CLAST/PREPARTORY COURSEWORK REQUIRED OVERRIDE
029	ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL	BF APPEAL – 5 YEAR OVERRIDE
030	ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL	BF GOLD SEAL CAPE SCHOLARS (GSC) OVERRIDE FOR BACCALAUREATE FUNDING

- O16 GRADE & HRS APPEAL Grade and Hours appeal; student successfully appealed grade and hours submission resulting in eligibility for award.
- O17 PROBATION OVERRIDE Grade requirement not met for renewal; however, probation eligibility granted based on hours requirement being met.
- O18 EXTENDED 5 YEAR PROG Extended 5-year program; student enrolled in 5-year bachelor's degree program and eligible for additional terms/hours of disbursement.
- O19 EXTENDED CLAST REQ Extended College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) requirement; student enrolled in additional terms/hours to meet CLAST requirement and eligible for additional terms/hours of disbursement.
- O29 BF APPEAL 5 YEAR OVERRIDE Extend hours appeal; FAS and FMS student successfully appeals
  the need for extended hours of funding to complete a single program of study requiring more than 120
  hours.
- O30 BF GSC OVERRIDE BACCALAUREATE Extended Gold Seal Cape (GSC) use; student attained an AS
  or AAS degree and may receive an additional 60 hours of funding toward a qualifying BS or BAS degree
  program.

### **Edit Codes & Messages**

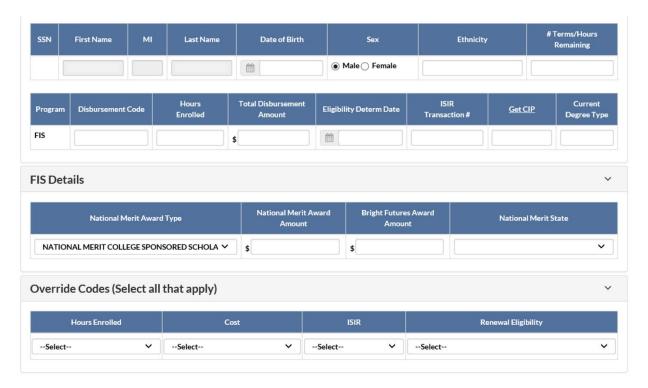
#### Field Sequence #26-30 Edit Codes & Messages

Code	Edit Messages
E10	STUDENT HAS INSUFFICIENT TERMS/HOURS REMAINING IN PROGRAM FOR DISBURSEMENT
E11	STUDENT INELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM DUE TO NOT MEETING RENEWAL CRITERIA
E12	NO GRADE AND HOURS REPORTED PRIOR ACADEMIC YEAR
E13	PROGRAM {NAME} REQUIRES {LEVEL} ENROLLMENT FOR {SECTOR} SECTOR SCHOOL
E19	ALREADY DISBURSED FOR ANOTHER BF/FSAG PROGRAM
E20	THIS DISBURSEMENT EXCEEDS YOUR INSTITUTION'S ANNUAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION
E21	DISBURSEMENT IS MORE THAN ALLOWABLE TERM AWARD
E22	DISBURSEMENT IS LESS THAN ALLOWABLE TERM AWARD
E23	DISBURSEMENT NOT ALLOWED PRIOR TO LAST DAY OF DROP/ADD FOR TERM
E24	ALREADY DISBURSED AT YOUR INSTITUTION
E25	{PSI NAME AND CODE}ALREADY DISBURSED STUDENT THIS TERM
E26	INVALID DISBURSED/NON-DISBURSED CODE USED FOR PROGRAM
E27	INVALID INSTITUTION CODE
E28	INSTITUTION NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM
E31	STUDENT NOT FOUND ON THIS PROGRAM'S MASTER ELIGIBILITY LIST (MEL)
E32	STUDENT DATA SUPPLIED DOES NOT MATCH ANY SSFAD RECORD (REVIEW)
E33	INVALID SSN ACCORDING TO SSA ADMINISTRATION RANGES
E34	REQUIRED FIELDS MISSING OR INVALID
E35	BUDGET ERROR, OSFA WILL REVIEW
E40	ISIR TRANSACTION NUMBER PROCESSED AFTER THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION DATE
E41	EFC AMOUNT GREATER THAN (SECTOR) SECTOR'S MAXIMUM EFC AMOUNT
E42	INCOMPLETE ISIR, NO EFC CALCULATED
E43	NO ISIR FOR SSN, OSFA WILL REVIEW
E44	OSFA HAS A MORE VALID ISIR TRANSACTION NUMBER
E45	ISIR MATCHING DATA ERROR (PSI WILL REVIEW)
E46	EFC EXCEEDS COST OF ATTENDANCE
E50	DISBURSEMENT EXCEEDS NEED
E52	DISBURSEMENT EXCEEDS 70% OF TOTAL STUDENT EARNINGS
E53	DISBURSEMENT EXCEEDS 100% OF TOTAL STUDENT EARNINGS
E60	NO DISBURSEMENT ALLOWEDALREADY USED ANNUAL HOURS/TERMS LIMIT
E61	DATA IS REQUIRED IN THE "OTHER HOURS ENROLLED" AND "OTHER PSI" FIELDS.
E62	AMOUNT REPORTED IS LESS THAN THE OSFA DISBURSEMENT CALCULATION\$
E63	AMOUNT REPORTED IS GREATER THAN THE OSFA DISBURSEMENT CALCULATION\$
E64	DISBURSEMENT EXCEEDS ANNUAL 45 SEMESTER HOURS LIMIT
E65	TRYING TO DISBURSE ELIGIBLE BF STUDENT FOR WRONG BF PROGRAM
E66	BRIGHT FUTURES DISBURSEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO VALID FIS DISBURSEMENT
E67	INVALID OR NULL CIP CODE
E68	INVALID OR NULL CURRENT DEGREE TYPE
E69	STUDENT NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING DUE TO DEFAULT STATUS
E70	STUDENT NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BRIGHT FUTURES GRADUATE FUNDING DUE TO NOT MEETING CRITERIA
E71	INVALID CURRENT DEGREE TYPE FOR {BFGSC or BFGSV} STUDENT

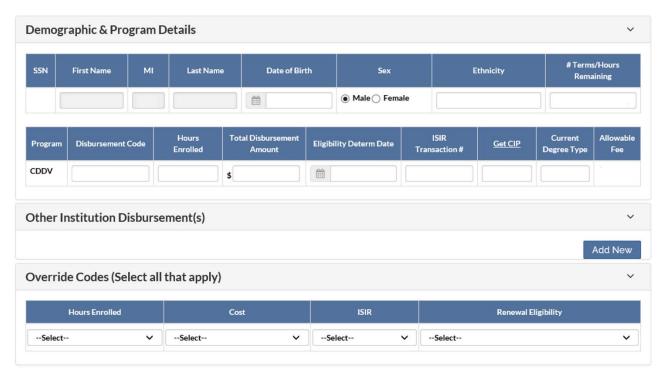
### **Disbursement Row Headings**

The row headings may be different depending upon the selected program. Only one student record is visible at a time. However, selecting Run DER Report Query will display all students meeting selected criteria.

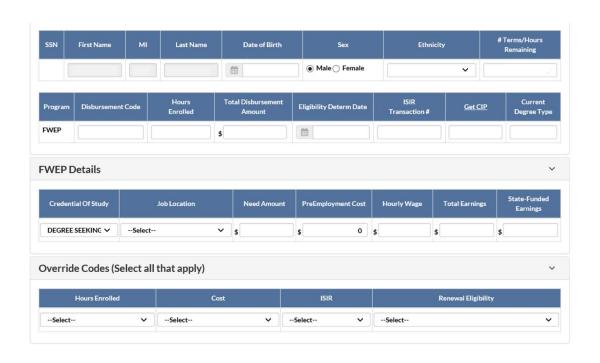
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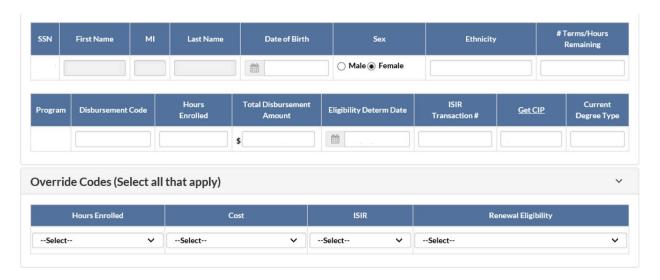
#### **CSDDV**



#### **FWEP**



### **DER Title Heading for ALL Other Programs**



### **Available Training**

Individualized training on the DER process is available. OSFA's training staff will set up a telephone training or webinar at a time convenient to you. Please contact training staff by email at <a href="https://osers.com/OSFA@fldoe.org">OSFA@fldoe.org</a>.