

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See instructions below)

TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)
WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1 FROM (Agency or establishment)
U S Department of Education

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION
Office of Management

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION
Regulatory Information Management Services

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
Sherry D Smith

5 TELEPHONE
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JOB NUMBER
NI-441-09-21

DATE RECEIVED
6/9/09

NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10

DATE
13 May 10

ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES
[Signature]

6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached 2 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,

is not required, is attached, or has been requested

DATE
6/4/2007

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE
[Signature]
Jill Shaver for Sherry Smith

TITLE
Director, Records Management & Privacy Division/
Departmental Records Officer

7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
1	ED 052 Ombudsman Case Files		

ED Records Schedule
ACS Tracking Number: OM:6-106:L19

SCHEDULE LOCATOR NO.: 052

DRAFT DATE: 03/11/2009

TITLE: Ombudsman Case Files

PRINCIPLE OFFICE: Federal Student Aid (FSA)

NARA DISPOSITION AUTHORITY:

DESCRIPTION:

The Ombudsman serves as a principal advisor to the Chief Operating Officer by providing expert findings, advice, and recommendations on matters pertaining to Federal Student Aid program development and operational effectiveness. To accomplish this mission, the Ombudsman

- Provides timely assistance to borrowers of loans made, insured, or guaranteed;
- Receives, reviews, and attempts to informally resolve complaints from loan borrowers,
- Serves as an impartial resource to mediate disputes internally without the need for outside arbitration,
- Develops a deep knowledge of business issues that face Federal Student Aid borrowers and partners,
- Gathers information about business trends that impact Federal Student Aid's ability to anticipate and address customers needs; and
- Reviews Federal Student Aid's operations and recommends quality improvements

The Ombudsman Case Files document the Ombudsman Office's efforts to address and resolve borrower's complaints related to student loans. The complaint files are maintained in hardcopy and also scanned into the Ombudsman Case Tracking System (OCTS) for tracking. The Ombudsman collects, tracks, and monitors complaints from borrowers or their representatives and the steps taken to resolve the case. The Ombudsman receives, reviews, and attempts informal resolution of complaints after all other avenues of customer service have been exhausted.

DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS:

a Ombudsman Case Files

TEMPORARY

Cut off on close of case or final determination. Destroy 10 years after cutoff.

b Ombudsman Case Tracking System (OCTS) Master Data Files

OCTS supports and tracks the life cycle of activities that capture and manage the case history data associated with the assistance provided to Ombudsman customers to resolve their

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federal student aid issue(s) Systems data includes information on individual customers and cases, related activities and issues, image files of relevant documentation; and other information that comprise the FSA Ombudsman knowledge base. Records include, but are not limited to, written documentation of the individual's complaint, request for assistance or other inquiry, information pertaining to the student's or parent's Title IV student financial assistance program account(s), such as the person's name, Social Security number, date of birth, address, telephone number(s) and personal identification number. Additionally, records include the name, address, and phone numbers of school(s), lender(s), secondary holder(s) or lender(s), guaranty agency(ies), and servicer(s). Records are maintained for the period of time needed to resolve cases, conduct analyses and prepare reports

TEMPORARY

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~~g Duplicate Copies Regardless of Medium Maintained for Reference Purposes and That Do Not Serve as the Record Copy~~

non-record

TEMPORARY

Destroy/delete when no longer needed or reference or business purposes.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE:

Follow the disposition instructions in ED 086 for system software, input/source records; output and reports, and system documentation

ARRANGEMENT / ANNUAL ACCUMULATION:

PREVIOUS NARA DISPOSITION AUTHORITY:

SPECIFIC LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended

SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS:

Privacy Act 18-11-11 Office of the Student Loan Ombudsmen Records

LINE OF BUSINESS: Loans