

pandemic prohibited the USACE from collecting the necessary information onsite. An alternative data source was found for those counties, but these data do not provide information on Puerto Rico beaches. Thus, the project scope has been modified to assess beach visitation and erosion management preferences for both Puerto Rico residents and U.S. visitors to Puerto Rico.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 512.5

Number of Respondents: 2050

Responses per Respondent: 1

Annual Responses: 2050

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes

Frequency: On occasion.

Eligible respondents for this survey are individuals 18 years of age or older that reside in Puerto Rico or have taken a trip to the Caribbean since 2016. Puerto Rico residents comprise the target population for the domestic survey. The majority of international tourist visits to Puerto Rico (in excess of 90%) originate in the United States, so our tourism sample focuses on US households that have taken a trip to the Caribbean since 2016. We are utilizing an online panel of respondents that is managed using scientific sampling properties to provide a rotating panel of respondents that closely resemble the population of interest. If approved, the survey will be administered online to a total of 2,050 beach recreationists, consisting of 1,050 responses from citizens of Puerto Rico and 1,000 from US tourists that travel to Puerto Rico via air or cruise.

Dated: April 26, 2021.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN-2021-HQ-0003]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Marine Corps, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, this document provides notice DoD is submitting an Information Collection Request to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) to collect information on active duty and reserve Marines to inform COVID-19 vaccine distribution and education efforts. DoD requests emergency processing and OMB authorization to collect the information after publication of this Notice for a period of six months.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The Department has requested emergency processing from OMB for this information collection request by 15 days after publication of this notice. Interested parties can access the supporting materials and collection instrument as well as submit comments and recommendations to OMB at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 15-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angela Duncan, 571-372-7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The results of the USMC COVID-19 Vaccine Survey will provide leadership with an understanding of Marines' propensity to take the COVID-19 vaccine and other related factors. COVID-19 vaccine distribution has begun in the Marine Corps as per the DoD vaccination schedule. Because the vaccine has been authorized under a EUA vice full approval, the vaccine is being offered voluntarily. This survey is being conducted in order to better understand why active duty and reserve Marines choose to get the vaccine or not as well as identify any generalized misunderstandings or misinformation Marines may have about the vaccines. The data will enable the Marine Corps' Communication Directorate, COVID-19 Cell, and Health Services to address inaccurate information so Marines can make an informed choices about the vaccine. This exemption will allow the survey to be fielded as soon as possible so the results can inform strategic messaging efforts by late spring 2021.

TITLE; ASSOCIATED FORM; AND OMB NUMBER: COVID-19 Vaccine Survey; 0703-CNV5.

Type of Request: New.

Number of Respondents: 9,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 9,000.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Frequency: Once.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOD, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of DOD's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 26, 2021.

Kayyonne T. Marston,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket ID ED-2021-FSA-0011]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: This matching program will assist the Department of Education (ED) in its obligation to ensure that borrowers of a loan made under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) for the Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*), the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*), the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*), or the Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL) Program (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*) (referred to collectively herein as "title IV loans") or with Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant service obligations more efficiently and effectively apply for Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) discharges of their title IV loans or TEACH Grant service obligations.

DATES: Submit your comments on the proposed re-establishment of the

matching program on or before June 1, 2021.

The matching program will go into effect 30 days after the publication of this notice, on April 29, 2021, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be renewed for up to an additional 12 months if, within 3 months prior to the expiration of the 18 months, the respective Data Integrity Boards of ED and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “help” tab.

- *Postal Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery:* If you mail or deliver your comments about the matching program, address them to Brenda Vigna, Division Chief, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20202–5320.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Bennett, Director, Program Technical & Business Support Group, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20202–5320.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We provide this notice in accordance with Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C. 552a); Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100–503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, 54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989); and OMB Circular No. A–108.

Participating Agencies: The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: ED’s legal authority to enter into the matching program and to disclose information thereunder is sections 420N(c), 437(a)(1), 455(a)(1), and 464(c)(1)(F)(ii & iii) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070g–2(c), 1087(a)(1), 1087e(a)(1), and 1087dd(c)(1)(F)(ii & iii)); the regulations promulgated pursuant to those HEA sections (34 CFR 674.61(b), 682.402(c), 685.213, and 686.42(b)); and subsections (a)(8) and (b)(1) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(8) and (b)(1)). VA’s legal authority to enter into this matching program and to disclose information thereunder is subsections (a)(8) and (b)(3) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(8) and (b)(3)).

Purpose(s): This matching program will assist ED in its obligation to ensure that borrowers of title IV loans or TEACH Grant service obligations more efficiently and effectively apply for TPD discharge of their title IV loans or TEACH Grant service obligations. ED will proactively send notices to borrowers who VA has designated as (1) having a service-connected disability rating that is 100 percent disabling, or (2) being totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, informing them that ED will discharge the borrower’s title IV loans or TEACH Grant service obligations no earlier than 61 days from the date that ED sends the notification to the borrower, unless the borrower chooses to have their title IV loans or TEACH Grant service obligations discharged earlier or chooses to opt out of the TPD discharge within 60 days from the date that ED sends the notification to the borrower. ED’s notices also will inform these borrowers that ED has accepted information obtained from the VA in lieu of the borrower’s submission of a VA Statement with the borrower’s TPD loan discharge application, thereby simplifying the TPD discharge process for borrowers.

Categories of Individuals: The individuals whose records are used in the matching program are described as follows:

VA will disclose to ED records on Veterans who are in receipt of VA disability compensation benefits with a VA determination that they have a 100 percent disabling service-connected

disability rating or that they are totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, along with the VA disability determination date for each such individual. ED will then match the file received from VA with ED’s records on borrowers of title IV loans, as contained in ED’s system of records entitled “National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)” (18–11–06) who owe a balance on a title IV Loan, have had any loans under title IV of the HEA written off due to default, or are responsible for completing a service obligation in exchange for having received a TEACH Grant under the TEACH Grant Program.

Categories of Records: The records used in the matching program are described as follows:

VA will disclose to ED, on a quarterly basis, the name (first, middle, and last), date of birth (DOB), and Social Security number (SSN) of all individuals who are in receipt of VA disability compensation benefits with a VA determination that they have a 100 percent disabling service-connected disability rating or that they are totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, along with the VA disability determination date for each such individual. ED will match the VA records to the ED system of records entitled “National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)” (18–11–06).

System(s) of Records: VA will use the VA system of records entitled “Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA” (58VA21/22/28), last published in the **Federal Register** in full on February 14, 2019 (84 FR 4138). VA has determined that routine use 39 in the foregoing system of records is compatible with the purpose for which the information is collected and contains appropriate Privacy Act disclosure authority.

ED will match information obtained from VA with ED records maintained in ED’s system of records entitled “National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)” (18–11–06). The NSLDS system of records notice was last published in the **Federal Register** in full on September 9, 2019 (84 FR 47265).

ED will also maintain matched information obtained from VA in the system of records identified as “Common Services for Borrowers (CSB) (18–11–16),” as last published in the **Federal Register** in full on September 2, 2016 (81 FR 60683).

Accessible Format: On request to Lisa Tessitore, Program Operations Specialist, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20202–5320,

telephone: (202) 377–3249. Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (State Grants)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2021 for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) State Grants, Assistance Listing Number 84.334S. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1840–0821, Application for GEAR UP State Grants.

DATES:

Applications Available: April 29, 2021.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 28, 2021.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 27, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an

application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Witthoefft, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 2C215, Washington, DC 20202–6450. Telephone: (202) 453–7576. Email: Ben.Witthoefft@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The GEAR UP program is a discretionary grant program that encourages eligible entities to provide support, and maintain a commitment to, eligible low-income students, including students with disabilities, to assist the students in obtaining a secondary school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Under the GEAR UP program, the Department awards grants to two types of entities: (1) States and (2) eligible partnerships.

Background: In this notice, the Department invites applications for State grants only. We will invite applications for Partnership grants in another notice published in the **Federal Register**. Required services under the GEAR UP program are specified in section 404D(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1070a–24(a)), and permissible services under the GEAR UP program are specified in section 404D(b) and (c) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070a–24(b) and (c)). Grantee activities must include providing financial aid information for postsecondary education; encouraging enrollment in rigorous and challenging coursework in order to reduce the need for remediation at the postsecondary level; implementing activities to improve the number of participating students who obtain a secondary school diploma and who complete applications for and enroll in a program of postsecondary education; and providing scholarships as specified in section 404E of the HEA. Additional permissible activities for State grantees are specified in sections 404D(b) and (c) of the HEA.

Recent data suggest that the COVID–19 pandemic has created academic challenges and greatly exacerbated mental health issues among school-aged youth. For example, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports the proportion of emergency room visits related to mental health crises has increased dramatically for young children and adolescents since the start of the pandemic.¹ Researchers also estimate that COVID–19-related disruptions may put students substantially behind, particularly in topics like mathematics, causing many to reenter school with more variability in their academic skills compared to normal circumstances.²

In addition, the transition to remote learning has introduced academic challenges for all students, particularly students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, English learners, and students with disabilities. Students living in rural communities face additional challenges to accessing instruction. Across the Nation, there are gaps in access to broadband in rural locations and on Tribal lands. In addition to less access to academic instruction, COVID–19 has impacted the well-being of rural students³ and their likelihood of enrolling in postsecondary education.⁴

Priorities: This notice contains two competitive preference priorities and three invitational priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii) and (iv), Competitive Preference Priority 1 is from section 404A(b)(3) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070a–21(b)(3)) and the GEAR UP program regulations (34 CFR 694.19). Competitive Preference Priority 2 is from 34 CFR 75.226(d).

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2021 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award up to an additional five points to an application, depending on how well the application meets the priorities.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1—Successful State GEAR UP grant prior to August 14, 2008 (Up to 2 points).

¹ www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6945a3.htm.

² www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2020/05/27/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-student-achievement-and-what-it-may-mean-for-educators/.

³ www.pnas.org/content/118/1/2019378118, www.gse.harvard.edu/news/20/10/harvard-edcast-covid-19s-impact-rural-schools.

⁴ <https://thecollegepost.com/covid-rural-student-enrollment/>.