Federal Student Aid Feedback system Customer Satisfaction Survey

[Programming instructions in bold brackets]

You have received this survey as part of an initiative the United States Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid has undertaken to improve customer satisfaction for customers who contacted Federal Student Aid through the <u>Feedback system</u>.

The survey is conducted by the CFI Group, a Michigan-based consulting company. Your responses will remain anonymous and will only be reported to Federal Student Aid in aggregate form. Thank you in advance for your help!

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Preliminary

- 1. Have you received the final response from Federal Student Aid regarding the feedback you submitted?
 - a. Yes [Proceed to Question #2]
 - b. No [Close survey]

Information

Please think about the information the Federal Student Aid representative provided to you. On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" means "poor" and "10" means "excellent", how would you rate:

- 2. The usefulness of the information
- 3. The ease of understanding the information

Method of Contact

- 4. How did you first contact the Federal Student Aid Feedback system?
 - a. Online through the website
 - b. Telephone
 - c. Email
 - d. Mail
 - e. Fax

[If Q4=a] Please think about your experience using the website. On a scale of 1 to 10, with "1" being "poor" and "10" being "excellent," how would you rate the website on the following:

- 5. Ease of Use
- 6 Logical flow of the submission process
- 7. Clarity of the information you received about the next steps

Service

Please think about the Federal Student Aid Feedback system representative(s) you dealt with. On a scale from 1 to 10 with "1" being "poor" and "10" being "excellent," how would you rate them on the following:

- 8. Their courtesy
- 9. Willingness to help
- Having the knowledge required to assist with your type of issue or concern.
- 11. Ability to clearly and fully answer your questions
- 12. Time they took to resolve your issue or concern
- 13. Making clear to you the next steps you needed to take (if applicable)
- 14. Their availability

ACSI Benchmark Questions

Please think about your experiences dealing with Federal Student Aid Feedback system during the process to resolve the feedback you submitted.

- Using a 10-point scale on which "1" means "very dissatisfied" and "10" means "very satisfied," how satisfied are you with the Federal Student Aid Feedback system?
- 16. Using a 10-point scale on which "1" means "falls short of your expectations" and "10" means "exceeds your expectations," to what extent have your experiences with and service from Federal Student Aid Feedback system met your expectations?
- 17. Imagine what you think would be the ideal process and experience for working with Federal Student Aid. How well did the Federal Student Aid Feedback system's service compare with that ideal? Please use a 10-point scale on which "1" means "not at all close to the ideal," and "10" means "very close to the ideal."

Manage My Cases

- 18. After initially contacting the Federal Student Aid Feedback system, did you use the Feedback system's "Manage My Cases" feature?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

19. **[If Q18=a]** Briefly tell us your experience using the Feedback system's "Manage My Cases" feature. **[open end]**

Closing

20. Based on your experience with the Federal Student Aid Feedback system, how likely would you be to recommend others use the system to seek assistance with help in resolving federal student aid issues? Please use a 10 point scale in which "1" means "not likely" and "10" means "very likely."

When responding to the next questions, please focus your responses/comments on the contact with the feedback representative you recently interacted with via e-mail, telephone, or letter. (Kindly answer these questions on your *recent* interaction.)

- 21. As a result of your interaction with the Federal Student Aid Feedback representative, do you now have a better understanding of your student aid situation and what further steps, if any, you need to take?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Not sure
- 22. [If Q21=b] Please specify what the FSA Feedback representative did that lead to you selecting No for the previous question. [open end]
- 23. Please use the space below to provide us with any additional thoughts you may have about the service the Federal Student Aid Feedback representative provided you. Please be as specific as possible. **[open end]**