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U.S. Department of Education

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\$150 billion per year (answer may vary from year to year)

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13 million (answer may vary from year to year)

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- Informing students and families about the availability of the federal student aid programs and the process for applying for and receiving aid from those programs
- Developing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and processing approximately 22 million FAFSA submissions each year
- Accurately disbursing, reconciling, and accounting for all federal student aid funds that are delivered to students each year through more than 6,200 colleges and career schools
- Managing the outstanding federal student loan portfolio and securing repayment from federal student loan borrowers
- Offering free assistance to students, parents, and borrowers throughout the entire financial aid process
- Providing oversight and monitoring of all program participants—schools, financial entities, and students— to ensure compliance with the laws, regulations, and policies governing the federal student aid programs.