

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of an altered system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of an altered system of records entitled "Presidential Scholars Program Files and PSAonline Application System (18-06-03)," last published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1999 (64 FR 72392-72393). The system contains information about the current and former candidates and finalists in the Presidential Scholars recognition program, including the name, Social Security number, address, phone number, and other biographical information provided by the student, such as SAT/ACT scores, school transcripts, and essays. A new component, the "PSAonline" application system, which will be made available to the public in 2004, replicates exactly the content of the existing paper-based application system, but allows applicants and school staff to submit applications electronically through links on the Department's Web site. The paper-based option for submitting applications remains available.

DATES: The Department seeks comments on the altered system of records described in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act. We must receive your comments on or before January 2, 2004.

The Department filed a report describing the revisions to the system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the United States Senate, the Chair of the Committee on Government Reform of the United States House of Representatives, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on November 26, 2003. The changes made in this notice will become effective on the later of— (1) the expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on January 5, 2004, or (2) January 2, 2004, unless the system of records requires changes as a result of public comment or OMB review. The Department will publish any changes resulting from public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about this altered system of records to Melissa Apostolides, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5E229, Washington, DC 20202-3521. Telephone: 202-205-0512. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: comments@ed.gov.

You must include the term "U.S. PSP" in the subject line of the electronic message.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this notice in room 5E229, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Apostolides. Telephone: (202) 205-0512. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of an altered system of records maintained by the Department. The Department's regulations implementing the Privacy Act are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 34 CFR part 5b.

The Privacy Act applies to information about an individual that contains individually identifiable information that is retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or Social Security number. The information about each individual is called a "record" and

the system, whether manual or computer-based, is called a "system of records." The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish notices of systems of records in the **Federal Register** and to prepare reports for OMB whenever the agency publishes a new system of records or makes a significant change to an established system of records. Each agency is also required to send copies to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Chair of the House Committee on Government Reform. These reports are intended to permit an evaluation of the probable or potential effect of the proposal on the privacy or other rights of individuals.

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Dated: November 26, 2003.

Laurie M. Rich,

Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs of the U.S. Department of Education publishes a notice of an altered system of records to read as follows:

18-06-03

SYSTEM NAME:

Presidential Scholars Program Files and PSAonline Application System.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATIONS:

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, Community Services, Partnerships and Recognition Programs Team, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-3521.