# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
V.
SOUTHEAST BANK,
Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:25-cv-26

#### **COMPLAINT**

# **INTRODUCTION**

1. The United States of America brings this action against SouthEast Bank ("the Bank" or "SouthEast") for discriminating against Black and American Indian/Alaska Native ("AI/AN") post-secondary education graduates in its student refinance loan product lending across the United States.

2. This action to enforce provisions of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act ("ECOA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1691-1691f, and its implementing regulation, Regulation B, 12 C.F.R. Part 1002, seeks to redress the discrimination based on race that SouthEast engaged in through Education Loan Finance, an online student loan consolidation and refinance program designed "to provide low-cost student loan refinancing options" across the United States (the "ELFI Refinance Program").

3. Since its launch in December 2015, the ELFI Refinance Program has required applicants to graduate from an "eligible school" to qualify for an ELFI Refinance Program loan.

4. Up until April 5, 2021, SouthEast defined an eligible school, in part, as one that fell below the Cohort Default Rate ("CDR") threshold that SouthEast management periodically

established based on annual, national CDR averages. The CDR is a number calculated by the United States Department of Education for institutions of higher education that represents the percentage of that institution's students who default on certain federal student loans within three years of starting repayment. Under this "CDR Policy," SouthEast automatically denied graduates of schools with CDRs above its established thresholds.

5. SouthEast's CDR Policy disproportionately excluded Black and AI/AN degree recipients as compared to similarly situated graduates of other demographic groups. For example, under the CDR Policy, Black bachelor's degree recipients were as much as 4.31 times more likely to be excluded than bachelor's degree recipients who were not Black. AI/AN Bachelor's degree recipients were as much as 2.98 times more likely to be excluded than comparable degree recipients who were not AI/AN. In contrast, and with limited exception, bachelor's degree recipients of other races and national origins were more likely to be included than excluded under the CDR Policy.

6. SouthEast's CDR Policy disproportionately excluded majority-Black post-secondary institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities ("HBCUs"). For example, SouthEast's CDR Policy excluded as many as 84.4 percent of majority-Black schools. In contrast, it excluded no more than 21.14 percent of non-majority Black schools.

7. When SouthEast's CDR Policy operated to deny credit to graduates, SouthEast failed to provide those applicants with proper notification of their denial.

8. SouthEast lacked a legitimate, non-discriminatory reason for its CDR Policy. Denials based on CDR were not based on individual creditworthiness or justified by secondary market pressures. Even if SouthEast's policy was based on a legitimate reason, less-discriminatory alternatives to the CDR Policy existed. 9. SouthEast's CDR Policy and its failure to notify applicants of their denials caused Black and AI/AN graduates significant economic and other harm.

10. The United States brings this lawsuit to hold SouthEast accountable for its serious violations of law and to remedy the substantial and widespread harmful consequences of its discriminatory lending policies and practices.

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345 and 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(h).

12. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because SouthEast conducts business, and its principal place of business is located, in this District.

# PARTIES

13. The United States is authorized to initiate a civil action in federal district court whenever a matter is referred to the Attorney General under 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(g) or when the Attorney General has reason to believe that a pattern or practice in violation of ECOA has occurred. 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(h).

14. Defendant SouthEast Bank is a state-chartered, community bank formed in February 2013 with a principal place of business located at 12700 Kingston Pike in Farragut, Tennessee. The Bank is chartered by the State of Tennessee and supervised by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). It is a wholly owned subsidiary of SouthEast Bancorp, Inc.

15. SouthEast shares responsibilities related to the ELFI Refinance Program with Education Loan Finance, Inc. ("ELFI, Inc."), a not-for-profit holding company and the parent company of SouthEast Bancorp, Inc.

16. SouthEast originates all loans for the ELFI Refinance Program using a loan

origination system ("LOS") launched in April 2017 by ELFI, Inc. The ELFI Refinance Program's LOS is a platform used in underwriting where users create a profile and complete their refinancing or student loan application. According to SouthEast, the LOS "allows ELFI, Inc. to prequalify applicants and provides a highly automated underwriting engine and userfriendly application process."

17. As of April 30, 2024, SouthEast Bank funded over \$2.96 billion in ELFI loans to more than 25,000 borrowers in Washington, D.C. and every state and territory of the United States.

18. SouthEast also sells consolidated loans to investors on the secondary market ("securitizations"). In these securitizations SouthEast serves as "The Originating Lender" and ELFI, Inc. is the "Sponsor" and "Administrator" that purchases loans from SouthEast before financing them through subsidiaries on the secondary market.

19. Between 2018 and 2022, SouthEast completed at least four ELFI Refinance Program securitizations valued at over \$1.14 billion, including a \$316.23 million sale in 2022. SouthEast has completed additional securitizations since 2022. In June 2024, for example, its securitization with \$270.35 million in loans received the highest credit rating agency rating.

20. SouthEast is a "creditor" within the meaning of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691a(e), and Regulation B, 12 C.F.R. § 1002.2(l).

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

#### Background

21. The FDIC referred the matter to the Department of Justice on May 24, 2021, under ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(g).

22. The FDIC based its referral, in part, on its finding that under the CDR Policy,

graduates from less than 15 percent of HBCUs could apply for an ELFI Refinance Program loan, regardless of those graduates' individual creditworthiness. By contrast, the FDIC found that graduates of almost 80 percent of non-HBCUs could apply for an ELFI Refinance Program loan.

23. Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 ("Title IV"), which established federal loan and grant programs that the Department of Education administers, requires the Department of Education to annually publish the CDR for all institutions of higher education within each State. *See* 20 U.S.C. § 1080(e)(1).

24. CDR is, for schools with 30 or more borrowers, the percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on loans from the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program ("Direct loans"), or its precursor, the Federal Family Education Loan Program ("FFELP loans"), during a particular federal fiscal year and default (i.e., are more than 360 days delinquent) or meet the other specified conditions in a three-year period. For example, 2019 CDRs, published in 2022, reflect borrowers who entered repayment at each institution of higher education in 2019 and defaulted in 2019, 2020, or 2021, divided by the institution's borrowers entering repayment in 2019.

25. CDR calculations do not include all federal student loans, such as certain loans available only to students pursing advanced degrees (i.e., master's and doctorate degrees).

26. Higher CDRs are typically driven by students that do not receive degrees.

27. The Department of Education uses CDR to determine aid eligibility under Title IV. The Department of Education deems schools with three consecutive CDRs above 30 percent or a single CDR above 40 percent as Title IV ineligible and, therefore, the students who attend those schools are ineligible for Federal Direct Loans or Federal Pell Grants. Schools may appeal and avoid ineligibility for a variety of reasons, including by demonstrating that they educate high numbers of low-income students and have high placement or completion rates.

28. For over a decade, lenders have known or should have known that using the school an applicant attended in establishing loan eligibility, including CDR, may contribute to discriminatory outcomes for students of color.

29. In 2012, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"), directed by Congress, issued a public report ("1077 Report") on private education loans that specifically criticized using CDR in lending because of its potential to disparately impact students of color. The 1077 Report cautioned that "student lenders' use of CDR at very low default levels may present fair lending concerns because . . . racial and ethnic minority students are disproportionately concentrated in schools with higher CDRs[,]" and using CDR for "loan eligibility, underwriting, and pricing may have a disparate impact on minority students by reducing their access to credit[.]" Specifically, Black and Hispanic students were "almost twice as likely as students generally to attend schools with" CDRs above cutoffs of 8 and 12 percent.

30. The 1077 Report emphasized that, while CDR "may be correlated with the value of a degree from a particular school," it "was not specifically intended to assist private lenders in eligibility, underwriting, and pricing decisions, particularly at much lower" default levels. Thus, "general reliance on CDR to set [loan] eligibility cutoffs . . . may raise a threshold fair lending concern, requiring further analysis by lenders to" show a valid need to use CDR.

31. In July 2020, several United States Senators issued a report ("2020 Senate Report") on the use of non-individualized education-related data in credit assessment by six major financial services providers. The 2020 Senate Report warned that using "the school an applicant attended to determine creditworthiness" may violate ECOA and Regulation B. 32. These risks were noted by the student lending community. For example, in 2017 the law firm Ballard Spahr LLP commented in its public-facing "Consumer Finance Monitor" that a lender's underwriting process that "uses the identity of the college attended by the applicant" was "very strange and in tension with the CFPB's repeated attacks on the use of [CDR] and other school-specific variables in student loan underwriting."

33. Thus, SouthEast knew or should have known about fair lending risks associated with using CDR to determine loan eligibility.

## SouthEast's Use of CDR for Student Loan Eligibility

34. The ELFI Refinance Program employs eligibility requirements related to applicants' educational background. Applicants must have graduated from an "eligible school" to obtain an ELFI Refinance Program loan. From December 2015 until April 5, 2021, SouthEast's credit risk policy defined an "eligible school" as one that met the following criteria ("School Eligibility Criteria"):

- is Title IV eligible at the time of final approval;
- is a non-profit institution;
- offers bachelor's, master's and/or doctorate degrees; and
- "meets the threshold that management periodically establishes for the 3-year Cohort Default Rate (CDR)[,] as published by the Department of Education."

35. The ELFI Refinance Program's CDR "threshold" was the national average CDR for all institutions for a given year (referred herein as the "CDR Policy").

36. SouthEast did not factor CDR into loan pricing or consider CDR in relationship to its other underwriting criteria, including credit score or income requirements. Rather, if an applicant's alma mater had a CDR that exceeded the national average, SouthEast did not allow

the person to continue the application and refused to further assess their creditworthiness.<sup>1</sup>

37. SouthEast did not separately evaluate undergraduate degree recipients from advanced degree recipients. SouthEast applied the CDR Policy to all applicants irrespective of whether they held bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degrees, notwithstanding the decline in the student loan default rate as students obtain higher degrees.

38. The CDR Policy automatically denied all graduates of schools with CDRs above the national average.

39. SouthEast's CDR Policy denied individuals based on their school's CDR at the time of application. It did not seek to evaluate applicants based on the school CDR associated with their time of graduation.

40. Table 1 lists the ELFI Refinance Program's CDR Policy thresholds and the period each threshold was in place:

Table 1: CDR Policy Thresholds Used by SouthEast and Associated Dates						
3-year CDR	CDR Threshold	Dates Used for the CDR Policy				
2017	9.7	10/13/2020 - 04/05/2021				
2016	10.1	02/14/2020 - 10/12/2020				
2015	10.8	09/26/2018 - 02/13/2020				
2014	11.5	10/16/2017 - 09/25/2018				
2013	11.3	12/02/2016 - 10/15/2017				
2012	11.8	07/20/2016 - 12/01/2016				
2011	11.7	12/01/2015 - 07/19/2016				

41. Graduates of 1,427 schools could apply under every CDR Policy threshold used between April 2017—when SouthEast first implemented its LOS—through April 5, 2021 ("the LOS period"). Of the 1,427 schools, only seven were majority-Black, defined as those schools

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If an applicant attended multiple schools and only some were eligible under the CDR Policy, the applicant could move forward based on the school(s) that met SouthEast's School Eligibility Criteria.

matriculating more than 50 percent Black students in every school year ending in 2015 through 2020. Those schools meeting the School Eligibility Criteria under each CDR Policy threshold used in the LOS period are listed in Exhibit 1.

42. SouthEast's decision to tie its CDR Policy to application date rather than graduation date meant certain graduates could apply in some years and not others. Graduates of 391 schools, including 39 majority-Black schools, were considered ineligible some years during the LOS period but not others. Those schools eligible in some years but not others during the LOS period are listed in Exhibit 2.

43. For example, a 2016 graduate with a high credit score from Tuskegee University, an HBCU in Alabama, was eligible to apply only from October 2017 through September 2018. SouthEast would automatically reject that person if they applied in 2016, most of 2017, or October 2018 through April 2021.

44. Graduates of 259 Title IV eligible, non-profit institutions offering bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees (SouthEast's "non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria") with a CDR above the threshold ("CDR Ineligible School") were denied access to an ELFI Refinance Program Loan during the entire relevant period due to the CDR Policy. Of these 259 institutions, 63 were majority-Black schools. For example, SouthEast did not include Morehouse College, an HBCU in Georgia, or the University of the District of Columbia, an HBCU in Washington, D.C., on its roster of eligible schools in any year during the LOS period. Schools that met the non-School Eligibility Criteria every year during the LOS period that were always excluded by the CDR Policy are listed in Exhibit 3.

45. As described in more detail in Paragraphs 67 through 75, SouthEast's CDR Ineligible Schools graduated higher rates of Black and AI/AN individuals than SouthEast's eligible schools.

46. SouthEast applied the CDR Policy to all graduates irrespective of their race or national origin.

47. The CDR Policy is a uniform standard of denying credit applications and an "aspect of a credit transaction," as that term is understood under ECOA. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1691(a); *see also* 12 C.F.R. § 1002.2(m). It is a bright-line determination that demarcates who is barred from obtaining a loan based on whether their school's CDR is above or below that year's average.

48. SouthEast posted its list of eligible schools on its website for potential applicants. As described in Paragraphs 42 and 44, many majority-Black schools were not included on this list.

49. In addition to listing eligible schools on its website, SouthEast relied on its customer base to generate more business. For example, SouthEast provided referral bonuses to existing customers who referred friends, family members, and fellow graduates to their loan programs. Additionally, SouthEast used social media "lookalike" advertising that targeted advertisements at prospective applicants who shared similar characteristics with their existing customers.

50. Graduates of CDR Ineligible Schools were discouraged from applying for ELFI Refinance Program loans because their schools were not listed on SouthEast's website as an "eligible school." As described in more detail in the following paragraphs, those individuals have suffered injury and damages because of SouthEast's conduct, making them aggrieved within the meaning of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691e.

## **SouthEast's Application Process**

51. SouthEast required that all applicants take certain affirmative steps to access the ELFI Refinance Program. The ELFI Refinance Program application process begins with the applicant entering basic information on the ELFI website through SouthEast's LOS. To apply

and obtain a pre-verified decision to refinance or consolidate their student loans, SouthEast required each person to first:

- a. Sign up on the ELFI website with a username and passcode;
- b. Verify an email address by entering a code that the LOS sent to their email; and
- c. Fill out required fields, including by selecting from a drop-down list of schools.

52. Once applicants filled in the required fields, they could select a "Get My Rate" button that, after a soft credit pull, provided them preliminary credit decisions within 30 seconds, subject to their submitting verification information.

53. Applicants could not manually enter schools omitted from the prepopulated, dropdown list. This drop-down list excluded schools ineligible under the School Eligibility Criteria, including those that failed to meet ELFI's then current CDR Policy threshold. If a school was not chosen from the list at the time a person tried to select "Get My Rate," the system would display the following message to the applicant: "Please select a school from the list."

54. A 2018 graduate of Morehouse College with a 790-credit score applying for a loan in March 2020 would not have found his school on the ELFI Refinance Program website's drop-down list. Nor would a 2020 law degree recipient from the University of the District of Columbia with an exemplary credit score and high income.

55. SouthEast's LOS did not allow graduates of CDR Ineligible Schools to move forward with their application by accurately representing their alma mater. If any of the fields were not populated or had improper information, the system prompted the consumer with an applicable message and did not allow them to proceed through the "Get My Rates" page.

56. While the CDR Policy was in effect, more than 44,000 individuals created an account and verified their email address through the ELFI Refinance Program's website but did

not proceed through the "Get My Rate" stage. Approximately a quarter of all individuals who created an account through the ELFI Refinance Program website fit into this category.

57. At least a few individuals from CDR Ineligible Schools reached out to SouthEast but could not progress with their application. And likely more than a few of the more than 44,000 persons who created an account and verified their email address would have met SouthEast's non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria had they not graduated from a CDR Ineligible School.

58. Those individuals meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria that graduated from CDR Ineligible Schools and created an account or otherwise reached out to SouthEast to apply through the ELFI Refinance Program have suffered injury and damages because of SouthEast's conduct, making them aggrieved applicants within the meaning of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691e.

59. As a result of this CDR Policy, applicants from CDR Ineligible Schools were denied a student refinance loan before they even completed the application.

60. SouthEast denied student refinance loans at the "Get My Rate" stage for other reasons. For example, just as it required applicants to select their school of graduation, SouthEast's application process requires applicants to select their citizenship status and degree type from drop-down lists with limited options matching eligibility criteria. If a degree type is left blank (i.e. because the applicant does not have at least a bachelor's degree), or if "U.S. Citizen" or "Permanent Resident" is not selected, at the time the customer tries to advance to the "Get my Rates" page, the system displays an error message to the applicant that the missing field "is required."

61. SouthEast did not provide applicants unable to proceed through the "Get My Rate" stage with a notification that disclosed the reason(s) for their rejection that relate to and describe

the factors actually considered by SouthEast. Instead, SouthEast evaluated information about the consumer (for example, that an eligible school was not selected), declined the consumer credit based on that information, and communicated this to the consumer with an error message noting that the consumer failed to enter the name of an eligible school or otherwise failed to provide information demonstrating eligibility.

62. For those who attended institutions meeting the School Eligibility Criteria and otherwise advanced through the "Get My Rates" page, the ELFI Refinance Program LOS performed a soft credit pull and "prequalification review." This review immediately rejected applicants who did not meet ELFI's "hard knock-out" rules,<sup>2</sup> had credit scores below 680, or lacked an eligible degree (i.e. at least a bachelor's degree) from an eligible school, among other qualifications.<sup>3</sup>

63. SouthEast applied the CDR Policy to all graduates under the ELFI Refinance Program irrespective of their race up through April 5, 2021, after which date it discontinued the CDR Policy without replacement.

64. The Bank's In-School loan program, an ELFI product begun in a limited scale in April 2019 and expanded into a national program in June 2021, has not used CDR in underwriting.

65. Other actors in the student loan refinance market do not use CDR cutoffs to reject applicants.

66. After SouthEast eliminated its CDR Policy, more than 690 individuals from schools

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hard knock-outs include factors typically seen on a credit report, such as an unpaid negative public record in the past seven years, a record of default or delinquency of 60 days past due or more on any student loan within the past 24 months, or less than 36 months of credit history. <sup>3</sup> Other qualifications include, for example, that applicants have an income of at least \$35,000.

that would have likely been CDR Ineligible Schools under the last used CDR Policy threshold submitted applications seeking more than \$42 million in student loans through SouthEast's LOS. These individuals include over 230 advanced degree and 460 undergraduate degree recipients. At least those, and likely many more such individuals, first created accounts through the ELFI Refinance Program website and selected "Get My Rate." These 690 individuals would likely have been automatically denied credit at the "Get My Rate" stage if SouthEast's last CDR Policy threshold was still in effect.

## **Racial Disparities under SouthEast's CDR Policy**

67. According to the National Center for Education Statistics ("NCES") during 2019-2020, 61 percent of students earning bachelor's degrees graduated with student loan debt.<sup>4</sup> Black and AI/AN students disproportionally bore this debt: 82.9 percent of Black and 75.1 percent of AI/AN students graduated with student loan debt, compared to 60.9 percent of white and 40.8 percent of Asian American students.<sup>5</sup> Of graduates earning bachelor's degrees, 59.2 percent had federal loans and 14.6 percent had non-federal student loan debt. The vast majority—97 percent of all student loan debt holders earning bachelor's degrees—held at least some federal debt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Department of Education, *NCES Digest of Education Statistics*, Table 331.95, <u>https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23\_331.95.asp</u> (last visited Nov. 18, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As used in this Complaint, "white" means non-Hispanic white.

# Black and AI/AN students graduated at higher rates from CDR Ineligible Schools than did graduates of other races and national origins.

68. As described in paragraphs 69 through 75, NCES data illustrate that Black and AI/AN students graduated at higher rates from CDR Ineligible Schools than did graduates of other races and national origins.<sup>6</sup>

69. Table 2 shows the percent of graduates earning bachelor's degrees within each race and national origin group and under each CDR Policy threshold during the LOS period who met SouthEast's non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria but, because they graduated from a CDR Ineligible School, were barred from completing an application. As seen in Table 2, around one fifth of all Black graduates would have been barred under each CDR Policy threshold due to their school. This rate is between triple and quintuple that of white graduates.

Table 2: Bachelor's Percent of Race and National Origin Excluded								
CDR Period AI/AN Asian Black Hispanic NH/PI <sup>7</sup> W								
12/02/2016 - 10/15/2017	16.98%	1.32%	19.93%	6.92%	4.31%	4.37%		
10/16/2017 - 09/25/2018	16.44%	1.26%	17.90%	5.94%	4.22%	4.12%		
09/26/2018 - 02/13/2020	14.96%	1.38%	17.78%	6.67%	4.87%	4.36%		
02/14/2020 - 10/12/2020	22.16%	1.92%	22.02%	6.53%	12.01%	6.21%		
10/13/2020 - 04/05/2021	20.71%	3.08%	24.51%	8.62%	12.97%	7.84%		

70. If the CDR policy had no impact based on race, the percent of excluded graduates who are Black would approximate the overall percent of graduates who are Black. Otherwise stated, comparing those two percentages would result in a ratio close to one. NCES data illustrate, however, that the CDR Policy excludes a disproportionate number of Black and AI/AN graduates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Department of Education, NCES, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System ("IPEDS"), Complete Data Files, https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/DataFiles.aspx?year=-1&surveyNumber=3&sid=369b5aca-47b2-4547-8887-3531ca539281&rtid=7 (last visited Nov. 19, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "NH/PI" stands for Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

71. For example, under the 10.8 CDR Policy threshold used by SouthEast between September 26, 2018, and February 13, 2020, Black students made up 9.42 percent of the preceding years' total bachelor's degree recipients from schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria, but they made up 28.16 percent of bachelor's degree recipients from CDR Ineligible Schools. AI/AN graduates made up 0.46 percent of the total bachelor's degree recipients, but more than double that rate—or 1.16 percent—of those bachelor's degree recipients barred. In contrast, white graduates made up 62.06 percent of the total bachelor's degree recipients, but 45.47 percent of all those barred.

72. Table 3 shows the relationship between those bachelor's degree recipients of a single race or national origin excluded under the CDR Policy and their share of the total bachelor's degree recipients from schools meeting the non-CDR Eligibility Criteria. This "disparity ratio" is calculated by dividing the former (the excluded group) by the latter (the excluded group's share). For example, the 2.99 ratio for Black bachelor's degree recipients under the CDR Policy threshold in effect between September 26, 2018, and February 13, 2020, is calculated by dividing 28.16 percent by 9.42 percent. Ratios greater than one reflect disproportionately worse outcomes, meaning greater exclusion by the CDR Policy; ratios less than one reflect better outcomes, meaning more inclusion by the CDR Policy.

Table 3: Bachelor's Disparity Ratio								
CDR Period	AI/AN	Asian	Black	Hispanic	NH/PI	White		
12/02/2016 - 10/15/2017	2.80	0.22	3.29	1.14	0.71	0.72		
10/16/2017 - 09/25/2018	2.95	0.23	3.21	1.07	0.76	0.74		
09/26/2018 - 02/13/2020	2.52	0.23	2.99	1.12	0.82	0.73		
02/14/2020 - 10/12/2020	2.90	0.25	2.88	0.86	1.57	0.81		
10/13/2020 - 04/05/2021	2.22	0.33	2.60	0.92	1.39	0.84		

73. As seen in Table 3, the ratio between those bachelor's degree recipients of a single race or national origin excluded under the CDR Policy and their share of the total bachelor's

degree recipients from schools meeting the non-CDR Eligibility Criteria ranged from 2.60 to 3.29 for Black bachelor's degree recipients and from 2.22 to 2.95 for AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients. Thus, each CDR Policy threshold excluded a disproportionate number of Black and AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients. These rates are in marked contrast to other demographic groups, who with limited exceptions where the ratio was closer to one, were excluded less than their share of the total pool.

74. The ratios in Table 3 are statistically significant at the 1 percent level, which means that, if the CDR Policy had no impact based on race, the likelihood of seeing disparities of this degree or larger is less than 1 percent.

75. Similar, disproportionate exclusions occurred during the LOS period for those earning master's and doctorate degrees from schools meeting the non-CDR Eligibility Criteria: the ratio ranged from 2.07 to 2.80 for Black master's degree recipients, from 2.26 to 4.06 for Black doctorate degree recipients, from 1.90 to 3.45 for AI/AN master's degree recipients, and from 2.15 to 2.81 for AI/AN doctorate degree recipients. These rates are in marked contrast to other demographic groups, who with limited exceptions,<sup>8</sup> were excluded less than their share of the total pool.

# Black and AI/AN graduates were excluded by the CDR Policy at higher rates than those not in their demographic group.

76. As described in paragraphs 77 through 81, NCES data also illustrate that Black and AI/AN graduates were excluded by the CDR Policy at higher rates than those not in their demographic group.

77. Table 4 compares each race and national origin demographic group bachelor's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This ratio ranged from 1.53 to 2.67 for Hispanic doctorate degree recipients. In all other cases the ratio was closer to one.

degree recipients to all other bachelor's degree recipients outside of their race and national origin. The "relative risk ratios" in Table 4 are calculated by dividing the exclusion rate of the former group (those of a single race or national origin) by the exclusion rate of the latter group (those not in that single race or national origin). Similar to the within-group ratios described in Paragraphs 70 through 75, ratios greater than one reflect disproportionately worse outcomes; ratios less than one reflect better outcomes. As demonstrated in Table 4, Black and AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients were excluded by the CDR Policy at higher rates than those not in their demographic group.

Table 4: Bachelor's Relative Risk Ratio								
CDR Period	AI/AN	Asian	Black	Hispanic	NH/PI	White		
12/02/2016 - 10/15/2017	2.82	0.21	4.31	1.17	0.71	0.49		
10/16/2017 - 09/25/2018	2.98	0.21	4.17	1.08	0.76	0.52		
09/26/2018 - 02/13/2020	2.53	0.22	3.77	1.14	0.82	0.51		
02/14/2020 - 10/12/2020	2.93	0.24	3.58	0.84	1.57	0.63		
10/13/2020 - 04/05/2021	2.23	0.31	3.12	0.91	1.39	0.67		

78. Table 4 shows, for example, that under the 10.8 CDR Policy threshold used by SouthEast between September 26, 2018 and February 13, 2020, a Black bachelor's degree recipient was 3.77 times more likely to be excluded under the CDR Policy than a bachelor's degree recipient who was not Black. It also shows that under that 10.8 CDR Policy threshold an AI/AN bachelor's degree recipient was 2.53 times more likely to be excluded by the CDR Policy than a bachelor's degree recipient who was not AI/AN. Finally, it shows that members of all other demographic groups, with limited exceptions where the ratio was closer to one, were less likely to be excluded under the CDR Policy than non-group members.

79. Similar, disproportionate exclusions occurred during the LOS period for those earning master's and doctorate degrees from schools meeting the non-CDR Eligibility Criteria: the ratio ranged from 2.38 to 3.55 for Black master's degree recipients, from 2.51 to 5.28 for

Black doctorate degree recipients, from 1.91 to 3.49 for AI/AN master's degree recipients, and from 2.16 to 2.83 for AI/AN doctorate degree recipients. These rates are in marked contrast to other demographic groups, who with limited exceptions,<sup>9</sup> were less likely to be excluded under the CDR Policy than non-group members.

80. The ratios in Table 4 are statistically significant at the 1 percent level, which means that, if the CDR Policy had no impact based on race, the likelihood of seeing disparities of this degree or larger is less than 1 percent.

81. Disparities for Black and AI/AN graduates consistent with those in Tables 2-4 existed for bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degree types under each CDR Policy threshold.

# <u>Black and AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt were likely excluded by</u> <u>the CDR Policy at higher rates than those not in their demographic group.</u>

82. As described in paragraphs 83 through 86, proxy data illustrate that Black and AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt were likely excluded by the CDR Policy at higher rates than those not in their demographic group.

83. Information about the race and national origin of bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt can be approximated using public data released through NCES.

84. Using a proxy pool of bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt from each school meeting SouthEast's non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria, statistical analyses reveal racially discriminatory denial disparities for Black and AI/AN borrowers.

85. During the LOS period, SouthEast denied ELFI Refinance Program loans to Black bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt at a greater rate than borrowers who were not Black based solely on the CDR of their school at the time of application. During the LOS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This ratio ranged from 1.60 to 3.13 for Hispanic doctorate degree recipients. In all other cases the ratio was closer to one.

period, SouthEast denied ELFI Refinance Program loans to AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt at a greater rate than borrowers who were not AI/AN based solely on the CDR of their school at the time of application. These relative risk ratios, which ranged from 2.68 to 3.28 for Black bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt and from 1.87 to 2.34 for AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt, are statistically significant at the 1 percent level.

86. These race disparities for bachelor's degree recipients with student loan debt from schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria were statistically significant at the 1 percent level for each CDR Policy threshold.

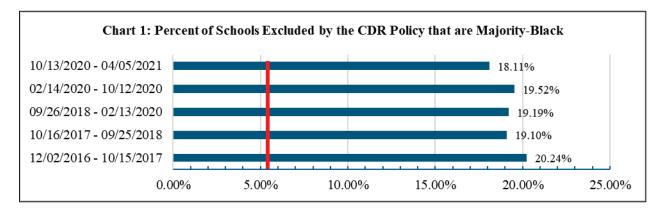
87. The statistical disparities in Paragraphs 83 through 86 are an appropriate proxy for, and the best available evidence of, the race disparities caused by SouthEast's CDR Policy for degree recipients with student loan debt from schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria.

#### Majority-Black schools were overrepresented among CDR Ineligible Schools.

88. As described in paragraphs 89 through 91, NCES data also illustrate that under the CDR Policy, majority-Black schools, defined as those schools matriculating more than 50 percent Black students in every school year ending in 2015 through 2020, were overrepresented among CDR Ineligible Schools. The share of majority-Black schools that were always excluded was also higher than the share of non-majority Black schools that were always excluded.

89. During the LOS period, majority-Black schools constituted approximately 5.25 percent of schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria.

90. Chart 1 illustrates how every CDR Policy threshold used by SouthEast during the LOS period excludes majority-Black schools between three and four times their 5.25 percent



share of schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria.

91. Chart 1 shows that during the LOS period between 18.11 percent and 20.24 percent of CDR Ineligible Schools were majority-Black. If the CDR policy had no impact based on race, the blue horizontal bars—the share of majority-Black schools excluded under each listed CDR Policy threshold—would stop at the red vertical line—the 5.25 percent share of majority-Black schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria. But under each CDR Policy threshold the blue bar far exceeds the red line, illustrating that majority-Black schools were excluded by the CDR Policy far more than that 5.25 percent share.

92. Table 5 shows the percent of those majority-Black schools excluded as a share of all majority-Black schools that meet the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria, compared to the percent of those non-majority Black schools excluded as a share of all non-majority Black schools that meet the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria.

Table 5: Percent of Majority-Black Schools and non-Majority Black Schools Excluded         by the CDR Policy							
Percent of Non-Majority Black         Percent of Majority Black							
CDR Period	Schools Excluded	Schools Excluded					
12/02/2016 - 10/15/2017	17.23%	78.90%					
10/16/2017 - 09/25/2018	17.43%	74.31%					
09/26/2018 - 02/13/2020	18.19%	77.98%					
02/14/2020 - 10/12/2020	18.85%	82.57%					
10/13/2020 - 04/05/2021	21.14%	84.40%					

93. Table 5 shows stark differences between how the CDR Policy thresholds excluded

majority-Black schools and non-majority Black schools. For example, under the CDR Policy in effect from September 26, 2018 to February 13, 2020, 18.19 percent of non-majority Black schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria were excluded, in contrast to 77.98 percent of majority-Black schools.

94. Differences between excluded majority-Black and non-majority Black schools consistent with those in Table 5 existed under each CDR Policy threshold used by SouthEast.

## Conclusion

95. The CDR Policy explicitly bifurcated the potential borrower population, or those graduating with student loan debt from schools meeting the non-CDR School Eligibility Criteria, based on the CDR of the school from which they received a degree. Depending on whether a school's CDR fell below or above the CDR Policy threshold, potential borrowers from that school were either allowed to proceed to the "Get My Rate" stage or denied the opportunity to refinance their student loans. This bifurcation generated a disproportionate effect that would not have existed in its absence and that applied only to a population subset overrepresented by Black and AI/AN borrowers.

96. The set of schools singled out by the CDR Policy as ineligible were disproportionately attended by Black and AI/AN students, meaning that SouthEast's CDR Policy denied Black and AI/AN graduates at disproportionate rates.

97. This result caused economic and other harm to those discriminatorily excluded under the CDR Policy. According to SouthEast, in a 2021 survey, ELFI customers reported saving an average of \$278 per month, or \$20,774 over the life of their loan. Some of those individuals denied by SouthEast, including those denied under the CDR Policy, were unable to reap those savings. 98. SouthEast's CDR Policy operated to deny applicants irrespective of and before considering other more accurate indicia of individual borrower risk such as individual credit score, debt-to-income ratio, or employment.

99. This CDR Policy categorically barred people from accessing ELFI Refinance Program loans based on the school they attended and SouthEast's arbitrary and varying CDR Policy threshold.

100. The higher denial rates borne by Black and AI/AN borrowers for ELFI Refinance Program loans are due to SouthEast's specific policy and practice of automatically disqualifying student loan borrowers based on where they obtained their degree.

101. SouthEast's advertising practices and referral incentives amplified the CDR Policy's discriminatory impact.

102. SouthEast failed to adequately monitor for or remedy the effects of race disparities under its CDR Policy.

103. The policies and practices described above are not justified by, or designed to achieve, a legitimate business need that cannot reasonably be achieved as well by means that are less discriminatory on Black and AI/AN applicants and potential applicants.

# EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT VIOLATIONS

104. The United States incorporates all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

105. SouthEast's policies and practices, as alleged herein, constitute unlawful discrimination by disproportionately denying, and having the effect of denying, applicants for credit on the basis of race, in violation of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691(a)(1).

106. SouthEast's policies and practices, as alleged herein, constitute unlawful

discrimination by discouraging, and having the effect of discouraging, prospective applicants from applying for credit on the basis of race, in violation of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691(a); *see also* 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(g)-(h).

107. SouthEast's policies and practices, as alleged herein, failed to provide applicants with specific reasons for adverse actions taken, in violation of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1691(d)(2)-(3).

108. SouthEast's policies and practices, as alleged herein, constitute a pattern or practice of discrimination and discouragement and resistance to the full enjoyment of rights secured by ECOA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1691-1691f.

109. Persons who have been victims of SouthEast's discriminatory policies and practices, as described herein, are applicants and prospective applicants aggrieved within the meaning of ECOA, 15 U.S.C. § 1691e, and have suffered injury and damages because of SouthEast's conduct. In addition to potentially higher direct economic costs, some of the victims of discrimination suffered additional consequential economic damages, including possible increased risk of credit problems, default, and other damages, including emotional distress.

110. SouthEast's policies and practices, as alleged herein, were intentional, willful, or implemented with reckless disregard for the rights of Black and AI/AN borrowers.

111. ECOA empowers this Court to grant such relief as may be appropriate, including actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief. 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(h).

## **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, the United States requests that the Court enter an ORDER that:

1. Declares that the policies and practices of SouthEast violate ECOA, 15 U.S.C. §§

1691-1691f.

2. Enjoins SouthEast and its agents, employees, assignees, and successors, and all other persons in active concert or participation with them, from:

A. Discriminating on the basis of race against any person with respect to any aspect of their credit transactions;

B. Discouraging applicants or prospective applicants on the basis of race with respect to any aspect of their credit transactions;

C. Failing or refusing to take such affirmative steps as may be necessary to restore, as nearly as practicable, the victims of SouthEast's unlawful conduct to the position they would have been in but for the discriminatory conduct; and

D. Failing or refusing to take such affirmative steps as may be necessary to prevent the recurrence of any such discriminatory conduct in the future; to eliminate, to the extent practicable, the effect of SouthEast's unlawful practices; and to implement policies and procedures to ensure that all borrowers have an equal opportunity to seek and obtain loans on a non-discriminatory basis and with non-discriminatory terms and conditions.

3. Awards equitable relief and monetary damages to all the victims of SouthEast's discriminatory policies and practices for the injuries caused by SouthEast, including direct economic costs, consequential damages, and other damages, under 15 U.S.C. § 1691e(h).

4. Awards the United States any additional relief that the interests of justice may require.

# **JURY DEMAND**

The United States demands a trial by jury of all issues triable under Rule 38 of the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: January 18, 2025

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Northwood University-Texas Norwich University Notre Dame de Namur University Notre Dame of Maryland University Nova Southeastern University Oakland City University Oakland University Oberlin College Occidental College Ohio Dominican University Ohio Northern University Ohio State University-Lima Campus Ohio State University-Main Campus Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus Ohio State University-Marion Campus Ohio State University-Newark Campus Ohio University-Chillicothe Campus Ohio University-Eastern Campus Ohio University-Lancaster Campus Ohio University-Main Campus Ohio University-Southern Campus Ohio University-Zanesville Campus Ohio Wesleyan University Oklahoma Baptist University Oklahoma Christian University Oklahoma City University Oklahoma State University-Main Campus Oklahoma Wesleyan University Old Dominion University Olivet Nazarene University O'More College of Design Oral Roberts University Oregon College of Art and Craft Oregon Health & Science University Oregon Institute of Technology Oregon State University Otis College of Art and Design Ottawa University-Jeffersonville Ottawa University-Kansas City Ottawa University-Milwaukee Ottawa University-Ottawa Ottawa University-Phoenix Ottawa University-Surprise Otterbein University Ouachita Baptist University Our Lady of the Lake College Our Lady of the Lake University Ozark Christian College Pace University Pacific Lutheran University Pacific Northwest College of Art Pacific Oaks College Pacific Union College Pacific University Palm Beach Atlantic University Palmer College of Chiropractic Palo Alto University Parker University Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Abington

Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Altoona Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Beaver Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Berks Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Brandvwine Pennsylvania State University-Penn State DuBois Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Erie-Behrend College Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Fayette- Eberly Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Greater Allegheny Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Harrisburg Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Hazleton Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Lehigh Valley Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Mont Alto Pennsylvania State University-Penn State New Kensington Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Schuylkill Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Shenango Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Worthington Scranton Pennsylvania State University-Penn State York Pepperdine University Pfeiffer University Philadelphia University Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing Piedmont College Pittsburg State University Pitzer College Plymouth State University Point Loma Nazarene University Point Park University Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico-Miami Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico-Orlando Pomona College Pontifical College Josephinum Portland State University Potomac State College of West Virginia University Pratt Institute-Main Presbyterian College Prescott College Princeton University Providence College Purdue University Northwest Purdue University-Calumet Campus Purdue University-Main Campus Purdue University-North Central Campus Queens University of Charlotte Quincy University

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Saint Mary's College Saint Mary's College of California Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Saint Michael's College Saint Norbert College Saint Vincent College Saint Xavier University Salem College Salem State University Salisbury University Salve Regina University Sam Houston State University Samford University Samuel Merritt University San Diego State University San Francisco Art Institute San Francisco Conservatory of Music San Francisco State University San Jose State University San Juan Bautista School of Medicine Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago School of the Museum of Fine Arts-Boston Scripps College Seattle Pacific University Seattle University Sentara College of Health Sciences Seton Hall University Seton Hill University Sewanee-The University of the South Shenandoah University Shepherd University Shiloh University Shimer College Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania Siena College Siena Heights University Sierra Nevada College Simmons University Simpson College Simpson University Skidmore College Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania Smith College Soka University of America Sonoma State University South Baylo University South Dakota School of Mines and Technology South Dakota State University South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College Southeastern University Southern Adventist University Southern California Institute of Architecture Southern California Seminary Southern California University of Health Sciences Southern Connecticut State University Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Southern Methodist University Southern Nazarene University Southern Oregon University Southern Utah University Southern Virginia University Southwest Baptist University Southwest Minnesota State University Southwestern Adventist University Southwestern College Southwestern University Spalding University Spelman College\* Spring Arbor University Spring Hill College Springfield College St Bonaventure University St Catherine University St John's College of Nursing St John's University-New York St Lawrence University St Luke's College St Olaf College St Vincent's College St. John's College St. Joseph's College-Long Island St. Joseph's College-New York St. Louis College of Pharmacy St. Mary's College of Maryland St. Mary's University St. Thomas Aquinas College St. Thomas University Stanford University State University of New York at New Paltz Stephens College Sterling College Stetson University Stevens Institute of Technology Stevenson University Stockton University Stonehill College Stony Brook University Suffolk University SUNY at Albany SUNY at Binghamton SUNY at Fredonia SUNY at Purchase College SUNY College at Brockport SUNY College at Geneseo SUNY College at Old Westbury SUNY College at Oswego SUNY College at Plattsburgh SUNY College at Potsdam SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry SUNY College of Technology at Alfred SUNY Cortland SUNY Downstate Medical Center SUNY Empire State College SUNY Maritime College SUNY Oneonta SUNY Polytechnic Institute Susquehanna University Swarthmore College Sweet Briar College Syracuse University

Tabor College Talmudic College of Florida Tarleton State University Taylor University Temple University Tennessee Technological University Texas A & M University-College Station Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi Texas A & M University-Kingsville Texas A&M University-Central Texas Texas Christian University Texas Lutheran University Texas State University Texas Tech University Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Texas Wesleyan University Texas Woman's University The Baptist College of Florida The Boston Conservatory The Catholic University of America The Chicago School of Professional Psychology at Chicago The Chicago School of Professional Psychology at Los Angeles The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences The College of Idaho The College of New Jersey The College of Saint Rose The College of Saint Scholastica The College of Wooster The Juilliard School The King's College The Master's University and Seminary The New England Conservatory of Music The New School The Robert B Miller College The University of Alabama The University of Findlay The University of Tampa The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga The University of Tennessee-Knoxville The University of Tennessee-Martin The University of Texas at Arlington The University of Texas at Austin The University of Texas at Dallas The University of Texas at San Antonio The University of Texas at Tyler The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center The University of Texas Medical Branch The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley The University of the Arts The University of West Florida Thomas Aquinas College Thomas Edison State University Thomas Jefferson University Thomas More College of Liberal Arts Thomas More University Touro College

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Touro University Nevada Touro University Worldwide Towson University Transylvania University Trevecca Nazarene University Trine University Trine University-Arizona Regional Campus Trine University-Regional/Non-Traditional Campuses Trinity Christian College Trinity College Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences Trinity International University-Florida Trinity International University-Illinois Trinity Lutheran College Trinity University Troy University Truman State University Tufts University Tulane University of Louisiana Union College Union Institute & University Union University United States Merchant Marine Academy United States Sports Academy Unity College Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Cupey Campus Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Gurabo Campus Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Online Campus Universidad Central Del Caribe Universidad del Sagrado Corazon Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico University at Buffalo University of Alabama at Birmingham University of Alabama in Huntsville University of Arizona University of Arizona-Sierra Vista University of Arkansas University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences University of Arkansas System eVersity University of Baltimore University of Bridgeport University of California-Berkeley University of California-Davis University of California-Irvine University of California-Los Angeles University of California-Merced University of California-Riverside University of California-San Diego University of California-Santa Barbara University of California-Santa Cruz University of Central Arkansas University of Central Florida University of Central Missouri University of Charleston University of Chicago University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash College University of Cincinnati-Clermont College

University of Cincinnati-Main Campus University of Colorado Boulder University of Colorado Colorado Springs University of Colorado Denver University of Connecticut University of Dallas University of Dayton University of Delaware University of Denver University of Detroit Mercy University of Evansville University of Florida University of Georgia University of Hartford University of Hawaii at Hilo University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Hawaii-West Oahu University of Holy Cross University of Houston University of Houston-Clear Lake University of Houston-Downtown University of Idaho University of Illinois at Chicago University of Illinois at Springfield University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Indianapolis University of Iowa University of Jamestown University of Kansas University of Kentucky University of La Verne University of Louisiana at Lafayette University of Louisiana at Monroe University of Louisville University of Lynchburg University of Maine University of Maine at Farmington University of Mary University of Mary Hardin-Baylor University of Mary Washington University of Maryland-Baltimore University of Maryland-Baltimore County University of Maryland-College Park University of Maryland-University College University of Massachusetts-Amherst University of Massachusetts-Boston University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth University of Massachusetts-Lowell University of Miami University of Michigan-Ann Arbor University of Michigan-Dearborn University of Michigan-Flint University of Minnesota-Crookston University of Minnesota-Duluth University of Minnesota-Morris University of Minnesota-Rochester University of Minnesota-Twin Cities University of Mississippi University of Missouri-Columbia University of Missouri-Kansas City University of Missouri-St Louis University of Montevallo University of Mount Union

University of Nebraska at Kearney University of Nebraska at Omaha University of Nebraska Medical Center University of Nebraska-Lincoln University of Nevada-Las Vegas University of Nevada-Reno University of New England University of New Hampshire at Manchester University of New Hampshire-Main Campus University of New Haven University of North Carolina at Asheville University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of North Carolina School of the Arts University of North Carolina Wilmington University of North Dakota University of North Florida University of North Georgia University of North Texas University of Northern Colorado University of Northern Iowa University of Northwestern-St Paul University of Notre Dame University of Oklahoma-Health Sciences Center University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh-Bradford University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus University of Portland University of Puerto Rico-Aguadilla University of Puerto Rico-Bayamon University of Puerto Rico-Cayey University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras University of Puget Sound University of Redlands University of Rhode Island University of Richmond University of Rochester University of Saint Francis-Fort Wayne University of Saint Joseph University of Saint Katherine University of Saint Mary University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Scranton University of Sioux Falls University of South Alabama University of South Carolina Aiken University of South Carolina-Columbia University of South Carolina-Upstate University of South Dakota

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University of South Florida-Main Campus University of South Florida-Sarasota-Manatee University of South Florida-St Petersburg University of Southern California University of Southern Indiana University of Southern Maine University of St Francis University of St Thomas University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center University of the Cumberlands University of the Incarnate Word University of the Pacific University of the Sciences University of Toledo University of Tulsa University of Utah University of Vermont University of Virginia-Main Campus University of Washington-Bothell Campus University of Washington-Seattle Campus University of Washington-Tacoma Campus University of West Alabama University of West Georgia University of Western States University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University of Wisconsin-La Crosse University of Wisconsin-Madison University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh University of Wisconsin-Platteville University of Wisconsin-River Falls University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Stout University of Wisconsin-Superior University of Wisconsin-Whitewater University of Wyoming Upper Iowa University Upstate Medical University Urshan College Ursinus College Ursuline College Utah State University Utah Valley University Utica College Valdosta State University Valley City State University Valparaiso University Vanderbilt University Vanguard University of Southern California Vassar College Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology Veritas Baptist College Vermont Technical College Villanova University Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia International University Virginia Military Institute

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Virginia Wesleyan University Viterbo University Wabash College Wagner College Wake Forest University Walla Walla University Walsh College Walsh University Warner Pacific University Warren Wilson College Wartburg College Washington & Jefferson College Washington Adventist University Washington and Lee University Washington College Washington State University Washington University in St Louis Wayland Baptist University Wayne State College Wayne State University Waynesburg University Webb Institute Weber State University Webster University Welch College Wellesley College Wells College Wentworth Institute of Technology Wesleyan College Wesleyan University West Chester University of Pennsylvania West Liberty University West Texas A & M University West Virginia University West Virginia University Institute of Technology West Virginia Wesleyan College Western Carolina University Western Colorado University Western Connecticut State University Western Governors University Western Illinois University Western Kentucky University Western Michigan University Western New England University Western Oregon University Western Washington University Westfield State University Westminster College Westmont College Wheaton College Wheeling Jesuit University Wheelock College Whitman College Whittier College Whitworth University Wichita State University Widener University Widener University-Delaware Campus Wilkes University Willamette University William & Mary William Carey University William James College

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York College of Pennsylvania

Young Harris College

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Adams State University Alaska Bible College Albany State University\* Alderson Broaddus University Alice Lloyd College Allegheny Wesleyan College Allen University\* American University of Puerto Rico Amridge University Angelo State University Antelope Valley College Antioch College Apex School of Theology Arapahoe Community College Arizona Christian University Arkansas Tech University Art Academy of Cincinnati Auburn University at Montgomery Austin Community College District Austin Peay State University Ave Maria University Bacone College Bainbridge State College Baptist Bible College Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary Baptist University of the Americas Barclay College Barton College Beacon College Belhaven University Belmont Abbey College Benedict College\* Bennett College\* Bethany College Bethel College Bethel College-North Newton Bethesda University Beulah Heights University Blackburn College Blue Mountain College Bluefield College Bob Jones University Boise Bible College Boricua College Bowie State University\* Brazosport College Brevard College Briar Cliff University Broward College Bryn Athyn College of the New Church California Christian College California College San Diego Calumet College of Saint Joseph Calvary University Carolina Christian College Carolina College of Biblical Studies Carver Bible College Catawba College Cazenovia College Centra College of Nursing Central Baptist College Central Christian College of the Bible Chicago State University

City College-Fort Lauderdale City College-Gainesville City College-Miami Claflin University\* Clarion University of Pennsylvania Clark Atlanta University\* Clayton State University Coker University Coleman University College of Biblical Studies-Houston College of Central Florida College of Coastal Georgia College of St Joseph College of Staten Island CUNY CollegeAmerica-Cheyenne CollegeAmerica-Colorado Springs CollegeAmerica-Denver CollegeAmerica-Fort Collins Colorado Mesa University Columbia Basin College Columbia College Hollywood Columbia International University Columbus College of Art and Design Columbus State University Compass College of Cinematic Arts Concordia College Alabama\* Cooper Health System Center for Allied Health Education Criswell College Crossroads Bible College Crowley's Ridge College Culver-Stockton College CUNY Medgar Evers College Cypress College Dallas Christian College Dallas Nursing Institute Darton State College Davenport University Davis College Daytona State College Defiance College Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre Delta State University Dewey University-Juana Díaz Dowling College East Tennessee State University East Texas Baptist University Eastern Florida State College Eastern Kentucky University Ecclesia College Edward Waters College\* Emory & Henry College Everest College-Springfield Everglades University Fairmont State University Faith International University Faith Theological Seminary Family of Faith Christian University Faulkner University Feather River Community College District Felician University Fisk University\* Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University\* Florida Gateway College Florida SouthWestern State College

Florida State College at Jacksonville Fort Lewis College Gallaudet University Georgia State University Gods Bible School and College Goldey-Beacom College Goodwin College Grace College of Divinity Granite State College Harrisburg University of Science and Technology Henderson State University Heritage Bible College Heritage Christian University Heritage University Hesston College Highline College Hilbert College Hiwassee College Hobe Sound Bible College Hodges University Holy Cross College Homestead Schools Horizon University Howard Payne University Huntingdon College Huntsville Bible College Indian River State College Indiana State University Indiana University-Northwest International Baptist College and Seminary Iowa Wesleyan University Jacksonville State University John Wesley University Jones College-Jacksonville Judson College Kansas Christian College Keiser University-Ft Lauderdale Kenrick Glennon Seminary Kentucky Christian University Kentucky Mountain Bible College Kentucky Wesleyan College Keystone College King's University Lake Washington Institute of Technology Lake-Sumter State College Lander University Lane College\* Lee University Lees-McRae College Limestone College Lincoln University Lindsey Wilson College Louisiana College Louisiana State University-Alexandria Lourdes University Lyon College MacMurray College Magdalen College Maine College of Art Maine College of Health Professions Manhattan Christian College Mansfield University of Pennsylvania Marshall University Marygrove College

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Providence Christian College

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Maryville College Mayville State University McNeese State University McPherson College Medaille College Memphis College of Art Menlo College Mercyhurst University Messenger College Methodist University Miami Dade College Mid-America Christian University Mid-America College of Funeral Service Middle Tennessee State University Midland University Midwives College of Utah Miles College\* MiraCosta College Missouri Southern State University Mitchell College Montana State University-Billings Montana State University-Northern Montreat College Montserrat College of Art Moore College of Art and Design Morehead State University Morris College\* Mount Angel Seminary Nazarene Bible College Nevada State College New England College New Hampshire Institute of Art New Hope Christian College-Eugene New Jersey City University New Mexico Highlands University New York College of Health Professions Newberry College Newbury College Nicholls State University Nichols College North Carolina A & T State University\* North Seattle College Northeastern State University Northern Vermont University Northpoint Bible College Northwestern Oklahoma State University Northwestern State University of Louisiana Notre Dame College Nyack College Oak Hills Christian College Oglethorpe University Ohio Valley University Olivet College Palm Beach State College Park University Pasco-Hernando State College Pennsylvania College of Art and Design Pennsylvania College of Technology Peru State College Piedmont International University Pillar College Point University Polk State College Prairie View A & M University\* Presentation College

Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music Reinhardt University Remington College of Nursing Orlando Remington College-Dallas Campus Remington College-Fort Worth Campus Remington College-Heathrow Campus Remington College-Honolulu Campus Remington College-Memphis Campus Remington College-Mobile Campus Remington College-North Houston Campus Remington College-Shreveport Campus Remington College-Tampa Campus Renton Technical College Rogers State University Rosemont College Saint Catharine College Saint Johns River State College Saint Leo University Saint Peter's University Salish Kootenai College San Diego Christian College San Diego Mesa College Santa Ana College Santa Fe College Santa Monica College Schoolcraft College Schreiner University Seattle Central College Selma University\* Seminole State College of Florida Shasta Bible College and Graduate School Shorter University Shorter University-College of Adult & Professional Programs Silver Lake College of the Holy Family Skyline College Snow College South Florida State College South Seattle College Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences Southeast Missouri State University Southeastern Bible College Southeastern Louisiana University Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Southern New Hampshire University Southern University and A & M College\* Southern Vermont College Southern Wesleyan University Southwestern Assemblies of God University Southwestern Oklahoma State University St Francis College St Petersburg College St. Andrews University St. Gregory's University State College of Florida-Manatee-Sarasota Stephen F Austin State University Sterling College SUNY Buffalo State SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill

SUNY College of Technology at Canton SUNY College of Technology at Delhi Tennessee Temple University Tennessee Wesleyan University Texas A & M International University Texas A & M University-Commerce Texas A&M University-Texarkana Texas Southern University\* The College of New Rochelle The College of the Florida Keys The Evergreen State College The University of Montana The University of Montana-Western The University of Texas at El Paso The University of Texas of the Permian Basin The University of Virginia's College at Wise Thiel College Thomas College Thomas University Tiffin University Toccoa Falls College Trinity Baptist College Trinity Bible College and Graduate School Trinity College of Florida Trinity Washington University Trocaire College Truett McConnell University Tusculum University Tuskegee University\* Union College Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Carolina Campus Universidad Teologica del Caribe University of Akron Main Campus University of Alaska Southeast University of Arkansas at Little Rock University of Central Oklahoma University of Dubuque University of Fort Lauderdale University of Guam University of Houston-Victoria University of Maine at Fort Kent University of Memphis University of Mobile University of Mount Olive University of New Orleans University of North Alabama University of North Carolina at Pembroke University of Providence University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo University of Puerto Rico-Carolina University of Puerto Rico-Humacao University of Puerto Rico-Ponce University of Puerto Rico-Utuado University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma University of South Carolina Beaufort University of Southern Mississippi University of the Ozarks University of the Southwest University of the Virgin Islands\* University of the West University of Valley Forge

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Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Alabama A & M University\* Alabama State University\* Alcorn State University\* Alliant International University-San Diego Alpena Community College American Academy of Art American Baptist College Andrew College Arkansas Baptist College\* Arlington Baptist University Atlanta Metropolitan State College Baker College Bakersfield College Bellingham Technical College Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology Bethany College Bethel University Bethune-Cookman University\* Bloomfield College Bluefield State College\* Brewton-Parker College Cameron University Campbellsville University Caribbean University-Bayamon Caribbean University-Carolina Caribbean University-Ponce Caribbean University-Vega Baja Carolinas College of Health Sciences Central Christian College of Kansas Central State University\* Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary Chevney University of Pennsylvania\* Chowan University Clark College Clark State Community College Clinton College\* Clover Park Technical College College of Southern Idaho College of Southern Nevada CollegeAmerica-Flagstaff CollegeAmerica-Phoenix Collin County Community College District Colorado Mountain College Columbia College Community College of Denver Concord University Coppin State University\* Dalton State College Davis & Elkins College Dean College Delaware State University\* Delaware Technical Community College-Terry Dillard University\* Dixie State University Drury University Drury University-College of Continuing Professional Studies Dunwoody College of Technology East Central University East Georgia State College

Eastern New Mexico University-Main Campus East-West University Edmonds Community College Elizabeth City State University\* Emmanuel College Epic Bible College Everest University-Brandon Everest University-Jacksonville Everest University-Melbourne Everest University-North Orlando Everest University-Orange Park Everest University-Pompano Beach Everest University-South Orlando Everest University-Tampa Fayetteville State University\* Ferrum College Finlandia University Fisher College Florida Memorial University\* Foothill College Fort Valley State University\* Front Range Community College Galveston College Georgia Gwinnett College Georgia Highlands College Georgia Military College Glenville State College Gordon State College Grace Christian University Grambling State University\* Grays Harbor College Grayson College Great Basin College Great Lakes Christian College Green River Community College Greensboro College Greenville Technical College Gulf Coast State College Harris-Stowe State University\* Henry Ford College Herzing University-Akron Herzing University-Atlanta Herzing University-Birmingham Herzing University-Brookfield Herzing University-Kenner Herzing University-Kenosha Herzing University-Madison Herzing University-Minneapolis Herzing University-Toledo Herzing University-Winter Park Huston-Tillotson University\* Independence University Indiana Institute of Technology Indiana Institute of Technology-College of Professions Studies Jackson College Jackson State University\* Jarvis Christian College\* Johnson C Smith University\* Kentucky State University\* Lackawanna College Lake Michigan College Langston University\* Le Moyne-Owen College\* Lewis-Clark State College

Lincoln University\* Livingstone College\* Lorain County Community College Lower Columbia College Madison Area Technical College Manor College Mars Hill University Martin Methodist College Martin University McMurry University Mid-Atlantic Christian University Middle Georgia State University Midland College Mississippi Valley State University\* Missouri Valley College Missouri Western State University Montana Technological University Montessori Education Center of the Rockies Morehouse College\* Morgan Community College Morgan State University\* New Mexico State University-Main Campus Norfolk State University\* North American University North Carolina Wesleyan College North Central State College Northcentral University Northern New Mexico College Northwest Florida State College Northwestern Michigan College Oakwood University\* Ohio Christian University Oklahoma Panhandle State University Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City Olympic College Paine College\* Paul Quinn College\* Peirce College Peninsula College Pensacola State College Philander Smith College\* Pierce College-Fort Steilacoom Pikes Peak Community College Pine Manor College Pittsburgh Technical College Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico-Ponce Pueblo Community College Purdue University Global Randall University Red Rocks Community College Rust College\* Saint Augustine's University\* Saint Louis Christian College Savannah State University\* Shasta College Shaw University\*

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Whatcom Community College Wilberforce University\* Wiley College\* William Penn University Winston-Salem State University\* Yakima Valley Community College Youngstown State University