

# Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) Federal PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Guarantor, Program, or Lender Identification

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**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form or any accompanying document is subject to penalties that may include fines, imprisonment, or both, under the U.S. Criminal Code and 20 U.S.C. 1097.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW LOAN ACCOUNT:** To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens a loan account. **What this means for you:** Your name, address, date of birth, and other information collected in this form will be used to verify your identity. You may also be asked to provide your driver's license or other identifying documents.

## Borrower Section

*Print using a dark ink ballpoint pen or type. Read the instructions carefully.*

**CHECK ONE:** I am a  Graduate or Professional Student  Parent of a Dependent Undergraduate Student

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| 1. Last Name  | First Name                                      | MI        | 2. Social Security Number                  |
| 3. Permanent Address (See instructions.)  |   |           | 4. Area Code/Telephone Number<br>( )       |
| City  | State   | Zip Code  | 5. Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)              |
| 6. E-mail Address   | 7. Driver's License State and Number<br>State # |           |  |
| 8. U.S. Citizenship Status (Check a or b, and if b is checked, list Registration Number.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> a. Citizen/National <input type="checkbox"/> b. Permanent Resident/Other Eligible Non-Citizen If "b," Alien Registration Number |   |           |  |
| 9. Lender Name  | City  | State     | Zip Code                                   |
| 11. Employer Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code   |   |           | 10. Lender Code, if known                  |
| 13. References: You must provide two separate references with different U.S. addresses who do not live with you and who have known you for at least three years. If you are a parent borrower, do not list the student as a reference.                |   |           | 12. Work Area Code/Telephone Number<br>( ) |
| Name  | A. _____  | B. _____  |  |
| Permanent Address   | _____   | _____     |  |
| City, State, Zip Code   | _____   | _____     |  |
| E-mail Address  | _____   | _____     |  |
| Area Code/Telephone Number  | ( ) _____                                       | ( ) _____ |  |
| Relationship to Borrower  | _____   | _____     |  |

## Student Information Section

*Complete this section only if you are a parent borrowing for a dependent undergraduate student.*

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|---------------|------------|----|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 14. Last Name | First Name | MI | 15. Social Security Number | 16. Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) |
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## Borrower Request, Certifications, and Authorizations

*Read carefully before signing below.*

- 17. Requested Loan Amount:** This is an MPN for one or more Federal PLUS Loans. I request a Federal PLUS Loan under this MPN in an amount not to exceed the annual cost of attendance minus other financial aid received for each academic year. For each loan, the school will notify me of the loan amount that I am eligible to borrow. I may cancel my loan or request a lower amount by contacting my lender or the school. Additional information about my right to cancel a loan or request a lower amount is included in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement and disclosure statements that have been or will be provided to me. If I have an adverse credit history and obtain an endorser so that I may receive a PLUS Loan, only one loan may be made to me under this MPN.
- 18.** Under penalty of perjury, I certify for any loan I receive under this MPN that:
- A.** The information I have provided on this MPN and as updated by me from time to time is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is made in good faith.
  - B.** I am: (i) a graduate or professional student, (ii) the biological or adoptive parent of the dependent undergraduate student identified in the Student Information Section, or (iii) the spouse of a parent and my income and assets were reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or would be reported if a FAFSA were filed.
  - C.** Loan proceeds will be used for authorized educational costs incurred by me or by the student identified above. I will immediately repay any loan proceeds that cannot be attributed to educational costs for attendance on at least a half-time basis at the school that certified my loan eligibility.
  - D.** If I owe an overpayment on a Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant, or Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Grant, I have made satisfactory arrangements with the holder to repay the amount owed.
  - E.** If I am in default on any loan received under the Federal Perkins Loan Program (including NDSL loans), the Federal Direct Loan Program, or the Federal Family Education Loan Program ("FFELP" as defined in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement), I have made satisfactory arrangements with the holder to repay the amount owed.
  - F.** If I have been convicted of, or pled *nolo contendere* (no contest) or guilty to, a crime involving fraud in obtaining funds under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, I have completed the repayment of such funds to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department), or to the loan holder in the case of a Title IV federal student loan. If I am a parent applying for a Federal PLUS Loan for a dependent undergraduate student, and if that student has been convicted of, or pled *nolo contendere* or guilty to, a crime involving fraud in obtaining funds under Title IV of the HEA, as amended, the student has completed the repayment of such funds to the Department, or to the loan holder in the case of a Title IV federal student loan.
- 19.** For all PLUS loans (as described in the additional MPN provisions and the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement) I receive under this MPN, I make the following authorizations:
- A.** I authorize the school to certify my eligibility for loans under this MPN.
  - B.** I authorize the lender, the guarantor, or their agents to investigate my credit record and report information concerning my loan status to persons and organizations permitted by law to receive such information.
  - C.** I authorize the school to transfer loan proceeds received by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or master check to my account at the school (if I am the student) or to the student's account at the school (if I am a parent).
  - D.** I authorize the school to pay to the lender any refund that may be due up to the full loan amount.
  - E.** I may tell my lender that I want to pay the interest that accrues, including interest that accrues during an in-school deferment. However, in all cases, unless I pay the interest, my lender will add the unpaid interest that accrues during forbearance and deferment and other periods on each PLUS Loan made under this MPN to the principal balance of that loan (capitalization) as provided under the Act. Capitalization will increase the principal balance on my loan(s) and the total amount of interest costs I must pay.
  - F.** I authorize the release of information pertinent to my loan(s): (i) by the school(s), the lender(s), and the guarantor(s), or their agents to the references on the applicable loan(s) and to members of my immediate family unless I submit written directions otherwise; and (ii) by and among the school(s), lender(s), guarantor(s), the Department, and their agents.
  - G.** To verify information I provide and so that the loan(s) requested can be approved, I authorize the Department to send any information about me that is under its control, including information from the FAFSA, to the school, to the lender, and to state agencies and nonprofit organizations that administer financial aid programs under the FFELP. I understand that information reported on this MPN may be shared with the Department, and that the Department has the authority to verify that information with other federal agencies.
  - H.** I authorize the school, the lender, the guarantor, the Department, and their respective agents and contractors to contact me regarding my loan request(s) or my loan(s), including repayment of my loan(s), at the current or any future number that I provide for my cellular telephone or other wireless device using automated telephone dialing equipment or artificial or prerecorded voice or text messages.
  - I.** I authorize my lender to defer repayment of principal on my loan(s) based on my enrollment on at least a half-time basis and, if I am a graduate or professional student, for the 6-month period after I cease to be enrolled at least half time.

## Promise to Pay

*In this MPN, "lender" refers to, and this MPN benefits, the original lender and its successors and assigns, including any subsequent holder of this MPN.*

**20.** I promise to pay to the order of the lender all loan amounts disbursed (hereafter "loan" or "loans") under the terms of this MPN, plus interest and other charges and fees that may become due as provided in this MPN. I understand that, if I qualify, more than one loan may be made to me under this MPN for myself or for the student identified in the Student Information Section. I understand that by accepting any disbursement issued at any time under this MPN, I agree to repay the loan(s). I understand that, within certain time frames, I may cancel or reduce the amount of any loan by refusing to accept or by returning all or a portion of any disbursement that is issued. Unless I make interest payments, interest that accrues on my loan(s) during deferment, forbearance, and other periods may be added as provided under the Act to the principal balance of such loan(s). If I do not make any payment on any loan made under this MPN when it is due, I will also pay reasonable collection costs including, but not limited to, attorney fees, court costs, and other fees. I will not sign this MPN before reading the entire MPN, even if I am told not to read it, or told that I am not required to read it. I am entitled to a copy of this MPN and the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement. My signature certifies I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this MPN, including the Borrower Request, Certifications, and Authorizations printed above, the Notice about Subsequent Loans Made under This MPN, and the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY RECEIVE ONE OR MORE LOANS UNDER THIS MPN AND THAT I MUST REPAY ALL LOANS THAT I RECEIVE UNDER THIS MPN.**

21. Borrower Signature \_\_\_\_\_

22. Today's Date (mm-dd-yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional MPN provisions follow*

# Federal PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (MPN) *(continued)*

## Governing Law

The terms of this MPN will be interpreted in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), the U.S. Department of Education's (the Department's) regulations, as they may be amended in accordance with their effective date, and other applicable federal statutes and regulations (collectively referred to as the "Act"), and the guarantor's policies. Applicable state law, except as preempted by federal law, may provide for certain borrower rights, remedies, and defenses in addition to those stated in this MPN.

## Disclosure of Terms

Loans disbursed under this MPN are subject to the loan limits specified in the Act. Under this MPN, the principal amount that I owe and am required to repay, will be the sum of all disbursements issued (unless I reduce or cancel any disbursements as provided below).

My lender will determine whether to make any loan under this MPN after my eligibility is determined by the school. At or before the time of the first disbursement for each loan, a disclosure statement will be provided to me identifying the amount of the loan and additional terms of the loan. Important additional information is also disclosed in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement accompanying this MPN. The Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement and any disclosure statement I receive in connection with any loan under this MPN are hereby incorporated into this MPN. If the information in this MPN conflicts with information in the disclosure, the specific terms and information in the disclosure apply to my loan.

I may request additional loan funds for my or the student's educational costs. The school will determine my eligibility and notify the lender. I will be notified of any increase or other change in the amount of my loan(s).

I agree that the lender may sell or assign this MPN and/or my loan(s) and acknowledge that any loan may be assigned independently of any other loan to which this MPN applies. I agree that each loan is separately enforceable based on a true and exact copy of this MPN. I understand that my lender may use a servicer to handle billing and other communications related to my loan.

## Loan Cancellation

I may pay back all or a part of a disbursement within time frames set by the Act and explained in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement or other disclosure I receive at or before disbursement. In such case, any origination fee and federal default fee will be reduced or eliminated in proportion to the amount of the disbursement returned. I will not incur interest charges if I return the full loan amount as provided in the Act.

## Interest

Unless my lender notifies me in writing of a lower rate(s), the rate(s) of interest for my loan(s) is that specified in the Act. Interest rate information is presented in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement accompanying this MPN. The interest rate for each loan is presented in a disclosure that is issued to me.

Interest accrues on the unpaid principal balance of each loan from the date of disbursement by the lender until the entire principal balance is paid in full. This includes interest accruing during any period of deferment or forbearance. I agree to pay all interest charges on my loan(s).

I will begin paying interest upon disbursement of my loan. If I do not make required payments of interest before the beginning or resumption of principal repayment, or during a period of authorized deferment or forbearance, I agree that the lender may capitalize such interest to the extent permitted by the Act.

## Origination Fee and Federal Default Fee

An origination fee is charged and a federal default fee may be charged for each loan made under this MPN. The Act specifies the maximum amount of each fee and

authorizes both fees to be deducted from my loan amount. The fee(s) I am charged, as identified in the disclosure statement, will be deducted proportionately from each disbursement of my loan(s). I understand the origination and federal default fees may be refundable only to the extent permitted by the Act.

## Late Charges and Collection Costs

The lender will collect from me: (i) a late charge for each late installment payment if I do not make any part of a required installment payment within 15 days after the date it becomes due, and (ii) any other charges and fees that are permitted by the Act for the collection of my loan(s). If I default on any loan(s), I will pay reasonable collection fees and costs, plus court costs and attorney fees.

## Repayment

I must repay the full amount of the loan(s) made under this MPN and accrued interest. I will repay the principal of each loan in periodic installments during a repayment period that begins on the day of the final disbursement for that loan.

My lender must provide me with a choice of repayment plans consistent with the provisions of the Act. My repayment period for each loan generally lasts at least 5 years but may not exceed 10 years (except under an extended or income-based repayment plan). The maximum period for repaying a loan does not include periods of deferment or forbearance.

The lender will provide me with a repayment schedule that identifies my payment amounts and due dates. Except as otherwise provided in the Act, the minimum annual payment required on all my FFELP loans is \$600 or the amount of interest due and payable, whichever is larger. Payments submitted by me or on my behalf (exclusive of refunds) may be applied first to charges and collection costs that are due, then to accrued interest that has not been capitalized, and finally to the principal amount, except during periods of repayment under an income-based repayment plan, when payments will be applied first to interest due, then to fees due, and then to the principal amount.

If I am unable to make my scheduled loan payments, the lender may allow me to reduce my payment amount, to extend the time for making payments, or to temporarily stop making payments as long as I intend to repay my loan(s). Allowing me to temporarily delay or reduce loan payments is called forbearance. The lender may align payment due dates on my loans or grant me a forbearance to eliminate a delinquency that persists even though I am making scheduled payments.

I may prepay all or any part of the unpaid balance on my loan(s) at any time without penalty. If I do not specify which loan(s) I am prepaying, the lender will determine how to apply the prepayment in accordance with the Act. Upon payment in full of each loan under this MPN, I agree to accept written notification of such loan payoff in place of receiving the original MPN.

## Acceleration and Default

At the option of the lender, the entire unpaid balance of a loan made under this MPN will become immediately due and payable if any one of the following events occurs regarding that loan: (i) I (or the student) do not enroll as at least a half-time student at the school that certified my loan eligibility, (ii) I do not use the proceeds of the loan solely for my or the student's educational costs, (iii) I make a false representation that results in my receiving a loan for which I am not eligible, or (iv) I default on the loan.

The following events will constitute a default on a loan: (i) I do not pay the entire unpaid balance of the applicable loan after the lender has exercised its option under items (i), (ii), or (iii) in the preceding paragraph; (ii) I do not make installment payments when due, provided my failure has persisted for at least 270 days for payments due monthly or 330 days for payments due less frequently than monthly; or (iii) I do not comply with other terms of the loan, and the lender or guarantor reasonably

concludes I no longer intend to honor my repayment obligation. If I default, the guarantor may purchase my loan(s) and capitalize all outstanding interest into a new principal balance. The new principal balance and collection fees will become immediately due and payable.

If I default, the default will be reported to all national consumer reporting agencies and will significantly and adversely affect my credit history. I understand that a default will have additional adverse consequences to me as disclosed in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement. Following default, the loan(s) may be subject to income-based or income-contingent repayment (including potential collection of amounts in excess of the principal and interest) in accordance with the Act.

## Legal Notices

Any lender holding a loan made under this MPN is subject to all claims and defenses that I could assert against the school with respect to that loan if (i) the loan was made by the school or a school-affiliated organization, (ii) the lender who made the loan provided an improper inducement (as defined by the Act) to the school or to any other party in connection with the making of the loan, (iii) the school refers loan applicants to the lender, or (iv) the school is affiliated with the lender by common control, contract, or business arrangement. My recovery under this provision will not exceed the amount I paid on the loan.

Information about my loan(s) will be submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Information in NSLDS is accessible to schools, lenders, and guarantors for specific purposes as authorized by the Department.

If I reside in the state in which the principal office of the guarantor is located, the guarantor may sue to enforce the applicable loan(s) in the county in which the guarantor's office is located. However, if I object to being sued there and I mail a written objection to the guarantor that is postmarked no later than 30 days after I am served with the suit, the guarantor will either have the court transfer the suit to the county in which I live or will dismiss the lawsuit.

Any notice required to be given to me will be effective if sent by first class mail to the latest address the lender has for me or by electronic means to an address that I have provided. I will immediately notify the lender of any change of address or status as specified in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement. Failure by the lender to enforce or insist on compliance with any term of this MPN will not be a waiver of any right of the lender. No provision of this MPN may be modified or waived except in writing. If any provision of this MPN is determined to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in force.

## Notice about Subsequent Loans Made under This MPN

This MPN authorizes the lender to disburse multiple loans to pay my or the student's educational costs during the multi-year term of this MPN. Such loans will be made only upon my request and upon the school's certification of my loan eligibility. Subsequent loans for me or on behalf of the student named on this MPN may be made for the same or subsequent periods of enrollment at schools designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

I understand that no subsequent loan(s) will be made under this MPN after the earliest of the following dates: (i) the date my lender receives my written notice that no further loans may be disbursed under the MPN; (ii) one year after the date of my signature on this MPN if no disbursement is made during such twelve-month period; or (iii) ten years after either the date of my signature on this MPN, or the date the lender receives this MPN.

Any change to the Act applies to loans in accordance with the effective date of the change.

# Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) Federal PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (MPN) Instructions and Notices

Guarantor, Program, or Lender Identification

*This is an MPN under which you may receive multiple Federal PLUS Loans for either yourself or for the same dependent student over a maximum 10-year period. A Federal PLUS Loan is available to graduate or professional students or parents of dependent undergraduate students (“dependent” is defined in the Act and is different from the definition used by the Internal Revenue Service) attending participating postsecondary schools. In this MPN, if you are the parent of a dependent undergraduate student, all references to “student” mean the student identified in the Student Information Section. You are responsible for paying the principal amount of your loan(s) and all interest that accrues from the date of disbursement until the loan(s) is paid in full.*

*Your lender will perform a credit check with a national consumer reporting agency before approving each loan. As required under federal law, if your lender determines you have an adverse credit history, you may not borrow a Federal PLUS Loan unless: 1) you provide information to your lender's satisfaction that there are extenuating circumstances related to the adverse credit, or 2) you obtain an endorser who does not have an adverse credit history. An endorser is someone who agrees to repay the loan if you fail to do so. The endorser may not be the student on whose behalf the loan is being made.*

*This form is to be completed by the graduate or professional student borrower or the parent borrower. Print using a dark ink ballpoint pen or type. Do not complete this form in pencil. If an item has been completed for you and it is incorrect, cross out the incorrect information and print the correct information. Enter dates as month-day-year (mm-dd-yyyy). Use only numbers. Example: June 24, 1982 = 06-24-1982. Incorrect, incomplete, or illegible information may cause your loan to be delayed.*

## Borrower Section

*Check the appropriate box to indicate whether you are a graduate or professional student borrower or a parent borrower **before** completing the Borrower Section.*

**Item 1:** Enter or correct your last name, first name, and middle initial.

**Item 2:** Enter or correct your Social Security Number. Your loan(s) cannot be processed without a Social Security Number. **Read the Privacy Act and Financial Privacy Act Notices in these instructions before completing this item.**

**Item 3:** Enter your permanent address (number, street, apartment number) or rural route number and box number, then city, state, and zip code. If your mailing address is a post office box or general delivery, you must list both your mailing address and your street address or your rural route number and box number. If you do not have a permanent street address or rural route number and box number, provide the physical location of your residence. A temporary school address is not acceptable.

**Item 4:** Enter the area code and telephone number at which you can most easily be reached. (Do not list your work telephone number here.) If you do not have a telephone, enter N/A.

**Item 5:** Enter the date of your birth. Be careful not to enter the current year.

**Item 6:** Enter your preferred e-mail address for receiving communications. You are not required to provide this information. If you do, the lender or holder of your loan(s) may use your e-mail address to communicate with you. If you do not have an e-mail address or do not wish to provide it, enter N/A.

**Item 7:** Enter the two-letter abbreviation for the state that issued your driver's license followed by the driver's license number. If you do not have a driver's license, enter N/A.

**Item 8:** Indicate your U.S. citizenship status. Contact the school's financial aid office if you are unsure of your eligibility.

**Item a:** Check this box if you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. A U.S. citizen includes citizens of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. A U.S. national includes all U.S. citizens and citizens of American Samoa and Swain's Island.

**Item b:** Check this box if you are a permanent resident/other eligible non-citizen. Write in your eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number. “Permanent Resident” means someone who can provide documentation of this status from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). “Other Eligible Non-Citizen” includes individuals who can provide documentation from the USCIS that they are in the U.S. for a purpose that is not temporary, with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident. This category includes refugees, persons granted asylum, Cuban-Haitian entrants, temporary residents under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and others.

**NOTE:** If your citizenship status is not one of the categories described above, you are not eligible to receive a Federal PLUS Loan.

**Item 9:** Enter the name and address of the lender from which you wish to borrow. If you do not have a lender, contact the school's financial aid office, a bank or other financial institution, or the guarantor or program listed on this form for information on lenders willing to make Federal PLUS Loans.

**Item 10:** Enter the lender code, if known. Otherwise, leave this item blank.

**Item 11:** *It is important that the lender is able to reach you during the process of making your loan and during repayment.* Enter your employer's name and address (including number, street, suite number, city, state, and zip code). If you are self-employed, enter the name and address of your business. If you are not employed, enter N/A.

**Item 12:** Enter your work telephone number (or the number of your work cellular telephone or other wireless device). If you are self-employed, enter the telephone number of your business (or the number of your business cellular telephone or other wireless device). If you are not employed, enter N/A.

**Item 13:** Enter reference information for two adults with different addresses who do not live with you

and who have known you for at least three years. References with addresses outside the U.S. are not acceptable. If you are a parent borrower, do not list the student as a reference. If a reference does not have a telephone number or e-mail address or does not wish to provide an e-mail address, enter N/A. If you provide an e-mail address for a reference, the lender or holder of your loan(s) may use it to communicate with the reference. All items must be completed or your loan will be delayed.

## Student Information Section

**Complete this section only if you are a parent borrowing for a dependent undergraduate student.**

**Item 14:** Enter the student's last name, first name, and middle initial.

**Item 15:** Enter the student's Social Security Number.

**Item 16:** Enter the date of the student's birth. Be careful not to enter the current year.

## Borrower Request, Certifications, and Authorizations

**Item 17:** Each time you request Federal PLUS Loan funds, the school will notify you of the amount of funds you are eligible to borrow. You may decline a loan or request a lower amount by contacting your lender or the school. You should apply only for what you will need to pay your or the student's educational costs each year. Additional information is included under “Loan Cancellation” in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

**Items 18 and 19: Read these items carefully.**

## Promise to Pay

**Item 20:** Read the entire MPN carefully. Then complete Items 21 and 22.

**Item 21:** Sign your legal name, including your first name, middle initial, and last name.

**Item 22:** Enter the date you are signing this MPN.

### Privacy Act Notice

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you:

The authority for collecting the requested information from and about you is §421 et seq. of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.), and the authorities for collecting and using your Social Security Number (SSN) are §§428B(f) and 484(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1078-2(f) and 1091(a)(4)) and 31 U.S.C. 7701(b). Participating in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) and giving us your SSN are voluntary, but you must provide the requested information, including your SSN, to participate.

The principal purposes for collecting the information on this form, including your SSN, are to verify your identity, to determine your eligibility to receive a loan or a benefit on a loan (such as a deferment, forbearance, discharge, or forgiveness) under the FFELP, to permit the servicing of your loan(s), and, if it becomes necessary, to locate you and to collect and report on your loan(s) if your loan(s) becomes delinquent or in default. We also use your SSN as an account identifier and to permit you to access your account information electronically.

The information in your file may be disclosed, on a case-by-case basis or under a computer matching program, to third parties as authorized under routine uses in the appropriate systems of records notices. The routine uses of this information include, but are not limited to, its disclosure to federal, state, or local agencies, to private parties such as relatives, present and former employers, business and personal associates, to consumer reporting agencies, to financial and educational institutions, and to guaranty agencies in order to verify your identity, to determine your eligibility to receive a loan or a benefit on a loan, to permit the servicing or collection of your loan(s), to enforce the terms of the loan(s), to investigate possible fraud and to verify compliance with federal

student financial aid program regulations, or to locate you if you become delinquent in your loan payments or if you default. To provide default rate calculations, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, to financial and educational institutions, or to state agencies. To provide financial aid history information, disclosures may be made to educational institutions. To assist program administrators with tracking refunds and cancellations, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, to financial and educational institutions, or to federal or state agencies. To provide a standardized method for educational institutions to efficiently submit student enrollment status, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies or to financial and educational institutions. To counsel you in repayment efforts, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, to financial and educational institutions, or to federal, state, or local agencies.

In the event of litigation, we may send records to the Department of Justice, a court, adjudicative body, counsel, party, or witness if the disclosure is relevant and necessary to the litigation. If this information, either alone or with other information, indicates a potential violation of law, we may send it to the appropriate authority for action. We may send information to members of Congress if you ask them to help you with federal student aid questions. In circumstances involving employment complaints, grievances, or disciplinary actions, we may disclose relevant records to adjudicate or investigate the issues. If provided for by a collective bargaining agreement, we may disclose records to a labor organization recognized under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 71. Disclosures may be made to our contractors for the purpose of performing any programmatic function that requires disclosure of records. Before making any such disclosure, we will require the contractor to maintain Privacy Act safeguards. Disclosures may also be made to qualified researchers under Privacy Act safeguards.

### Financial Privacy Act Notice

Under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401-3421), the U.S. Department of Education will have access to financial records in your student loan file maintained by the lender in compliance with the administration of the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

### Paperwork Reduction Notice

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0069. The time required to complete this information is estimated to average 1.0 hours (60 minutes) per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:**

U.S. Department of Education  
Washington, DC 20202-4537

**If you have any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, contact the lender, guarantor, or program identified in the upper right-hand corner of this form.**

# Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement

**Important Notice:** The Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement provides additional information about the terms and conditions of loans you receive under the Federal PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (MPN). Please keep a copy of this statement because it applies to present and subsequent loans received under the MPN. You may contact your lender at any time for another copy of this statement.

The Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) includes the following loans:

- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan (formerly known as Guaranteed Student Loan [GSL]),
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan,
- Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL),
- Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS), also known as ALAS,
- Federal PLUS Loan,
- Federal Consolidation Loan.

The FFELP is authorized by Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

**1. Governing Law** — Loans disbursed under this MPN are subject to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) and applicable U.S. Department of Education regulations (collectively referred to as the "Act"). **NOTE: Any change to the Act applies to loans in accordance with the effective date of the change.**

**2. Use of This MPN** — I may receive more than one loan under this MPN over a period not to exceed 10 years. If I am a graduate or professional student, I may receive loans under this MPN for myself. If I am a parent, I may receive loans for the dependent student identified on the MPN. I may receive loans under this MPN from the original lender or from a lender who assumes the right to offer loans under this MPN, even if I (or the student) change schools and even if the guarantor changes. I may request in writing that no further loans be disbursed under my MPN. If I wish to use a new lender, I must sign a new MPN. I must also sign a new MPN before receiving a new loan, if requested to do so by my lender.

**3. Maximum Program Loan Amounts** — I may borrow amounts under this MPN not to exceed the cost of attendance minus any financial aid that has been or will be awarded for the period of enrollment. The school determines the cost of attendance based on federal guidelines.

**4. Use of Loan Money** — I must use the loan money for authorized educational costs incurred by me or, if I am a parent borrower, by the student for attendance at the school that certified my eligibility for the time period shown on my disclosure statement. Authorized costs include the following:

- Tuition,
- Room,
- Board,
- School fees,
- Books,
- Supplies,
- Equipment,
- Dependent child care,
- Transportation,
- Commuting costs,
- Rental or purchase of a personal computer,
- Origination fee and federal default fee, and/or
- Other documented, authorized costs.

**5. Loan Fees** — I may be charged an origination fee and/or a federal default fee for each loan made under this MPN. Neither fee may exceed the rate specified in the Act. If I am charged these fees, they will be deducted proportionately from each disbursement.

**6. Disbursement of Loan Money** — My loan money will be disbursed to the school by electronic funds transfer (EFT), master check (one check covering

multiple students), or individual check. If my loan money is disbursed by individual check, the check will be copayable to me and the school and sent to the school.

Generally, my loan money will be disbursed in multiple installments based on the academic terms at the school. If the school does not have academic terms or does not have academic terms that meet certain requirements, my loan money will generally be disbursed in at least two installments, one at the beginning and one at the midpoint of the enrollment period for the applicable loan.

If my loan money exceeds the amount owed to the school, the school will forward the remainder of my loan money to me. If I am a parent borrower, I may authorize the school to forward the remainder to the student.

If I (or the student) am enrolled in a foreign school, the loan money will be disbursed directly to the foreign school by a check made copayable to me and the foreign school.

If I am a graduate or professional student and I have not previously received a Federal PLUS Loan or Direct PLUS Loan, I must receive entrance counseling before the school delivers the first disbursement of my Federal PLUS Loan.

**7. Change of Status** — I must notify my lender or any subsequent holder of my loan(s) if any of the following occurs:

- I change my address, telephone number, or e-mail address,
- I change my name (for example, maiden name to married name),
- I (or the student) fail to enroll at least half time for the loan period at the school that certified my eligibility for a PLUS Loan,
- I (or the student) withdraw from school or begin attending less than half time,
- I (or the student) transfer to another school,
- I (or the student) graduate, or the expected graduation date changes,
- I change my employer or my employer's address or telephone number changes, or
- I have any other change in status that would affect my loan status (for example, the loss of eligibility for an unemployment deferment by obtaining a job).

**8. Effect of Federal Loans on Other Student Aid** — Receipt of a Federal PLUS Loan may affect eligibility for other financial aid. Therefore, it may be beneficial to contact the school to determine eligibility for grants, work-study funds, subsidized loans, and other forms of student assistance before applying for a Federal PLUS Loan(s). A graduate or professional student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the school must determine the student's eligibility for the maximum annual amount of a Federal Stafford Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized) before the student applies for a Federal PLUS Loan.

**9. Interest Rates** — The interest rate on a Federal PLUS Loan is a fixed rate of 8.5 percent. If I qualify under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the interest rate on my loans obtained prior to military service may be limited to 6% during my military service. To receive this benefit, I must contact my

loan holder for information about the documentation I must provide to show that I qualify.

**10. Payment of Interest** — I am responsible for payment of all interest that accrues on the unpaid principal amount of my loan(s) from the date of disbursement until the loan(s) is paid in full.

Under certain circumstances (for example, during deferment) I will not be required to make principal payments, but interest on my Federal PLUS Loan(s) will accrue. I may pay this interest as it accrues (for example, during an in-school deferment), or it may be capitalized (added to the principal of my loan(s)). If I inform my lender that I wish to pay interest as it accrues, but I do not submit the payments, my lender may capitalize that interest. If I inform my lender that I do not wish to pay interest as it accrues, my lender may capitalize that interest.

Capitalized interest increases the principal balance of my loan(s) and the total amount of interest I must pay.

Interest on my loan(s) may be capitalized to the extent permitted by the Act. Generally, capitalization may occur no more frequently than quarterly. (See the chart entitled, "Capitalization of Federal PLUS Loan Interest," for further information on capitalization.) The charts entitled, "Repaying Your Loans" allow me to estimate the cost of capitalization and the effect it will have on my monthly payments. If my loan amount is not shown on the charts, I understand I must add two or more amounts together to estimate more closely my monthly interest and my monthly payment.

I may be able to claim a federal income tax deduction for interest payments I make on my FFELP loans. For further information, I may refer to the IRS Publication 970, available at <http://www.irs.gov>.

**11. Loan Cancellation** — I understand that the terms of a full or partial loan cancellation depend on when I request the cancellation.

■ At any time before my loan money is disbursed, I may decline all or part of my loan money by notifying my lender or the school. No origination fee, federal default fee, or interest will be charged on the loan amount that is declined.

■ If the school receives the money by EFT or master check and has obtained my written confirmation of the types and amounts of federal student loans that I want to receive before crediting the loan funds to my or the student's account, I may cancel all or a part of that loan by informing the school within 14 days after the date the school notifies me of my right to cancel the loan, or by the first day of the school's payment period, whichever is later. (The school can tell me the first day of the payment period.) If my school has not obtained my written confirmation of the loans I want to receive, I may cancel all or part of the loan by informing the school within 30 days of the date the school notifies me of my right to cancel the loan. If I cancel all or a portion of a loan as described in this paragraph, the school will return the cancelled amount to my lender, and the loan fees will be eliminated or reduced in proportion to the amount returned.

■ At any time within 120 days of disbursement, I may pay back all or a part of that loan. The loan

fees will be reduced or eliminated in proportion to the amount returned.

**12. Repayment** — All of my loans made under this MPN must be repaid.

The repayment period for each loan made under this MPN begins on the date of the final disbursement for that loan. This means that each loan I receive under this MPN will start repayment on a different date. Unless I receive a deferment or forbearance, the first payment on each loan will be due within 60 days of the final disbursement of that loan. My lender will notify me of the date my first payment is due. My repayment schedule may include all of my FFELP loans that are owned by the lender.

I am obligated to make payments on my loan(s) even if I do not receive a billing statement or repayment notice. My minimum annual payment required on all my FFELP loans will not, unless the lender otherwise agrees, be less than \$600, except during a portion of the repayment period as provided in a graduated or income-sensitive repayment plan, in an extended repayment plan with graduated payments, or in an income-based repayment plan. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, my minimum annual scheduled payments will not be less than the amount of interest due and payable, except as provided under an income-based repayment plan.

My repayment period for each loan generally lasts at least 5 years but may not exceed 10 years (except under an extended or income-based repayment plan). The maximum period for repaying a loan does not include periods of deferment or forbearance.

I will be given the opportunity to choose one of the following repayment plans:

■ **Standard Repayment Plan** — If I choose this plan, I will make fixed monthly payments and repay my loan(s) in full within 10 years from the date the loan(s) entered repayment. Payments must be at least \$50 a month and will be more if necessary to repay the loan(s) within the required time period.

■ **Graduated Repayment Plan** — If I choose this plan, I will usually make lower monthly payments at first, and my payments will increase over time. No single payment will be more than three times greater than any other payment.

■ **Extended Repayment Plan** — If I choose this plan, I will make monthly payments based on fixed annual or graduated repayment amounts over a period not to exceed 25 years. If I make fixed

payments, payments must be at least \$50 a month and will be more if necessary to repay the loan(s) within the required time period. I am only eligible for this plan if (i) at the time I obtain a loan under this MPN I have no outstanding balance on a FFELP loan made before October 7, 1998, and (ii) I accumulate outstanding FFELP loans exceeding \$30,000.

■ **Income-Sensitive Repayment Plan** — If I choose this plan, my monthly payments will be adjusted annually, based on my expected total monthly gross income from all sources. I may contact my lender at any time for more information about this repayment plan option.

■ **Income-Based Repayment Plan** (effective July 1, 2009; for graduate and professional student PLUS borrowers only) — If I choose this plan, my required monthly payment amount will be based on my income during any period when I have a partial financial hardship. My monthly payment amount may be adjusted annually. The maximum repayment period under this plan may exceed 10 years. If I choose this plan and meet certain requirements over a 25-year period, I may qualify for cancellation of any outstanding balance on my loans. I may contact my lender at any time for more information about this repayment plan.

If I am a graduate or professional student, these repayment plans will be explained in more detail during my exit counseling session.

Under each plan, the number or amount of payments may need to be adjusted to reflect capitalized interest and/or new loans made to me.

If I do not choose an income-sensitive, income-based, graduated, or extended repayment plan within 45 days after notification of my repayment choices, or if I choose an income-sensitive repayment plan but do not provide the required documentation within the lender-specified time frame, my lender will require that I repay the loan(s) under a standard repayment plan. If I choose an income-based repayment plan but do not provide the required documentation within the time frame specified by the lender, I will be required to repay the loan(s) under a schedule provided by the lender in accordance with the Act. I may change the repayment plan on my loan(s) once a year, except that I may end an income-based repayment plan at any time to repay under the standard repayment plan.

There will be no penalty for prepaying any portion of my loan(s).

Except as provided by the Act for payments made under the income-based repayment plan, all payments and prepayments may be applied in the following order: late charges, fees, and collection costs first, outstanding accrued interest second, and outstanding principal last.

If I fail to make any part of an installment payment within 15 days after it becomes due, I may owe a late charge. This charge may not exceed six cents for each dollar of each late installment.

**13. Sale or Transfer of Loan(s)** — The lender may sell or otherwise transfer one or all of my loans without my consent. If ownership of a loan is transferred and the entity to which I must make payments changes, I will be notified of that entity's name, address and telephone number, the effective date of the sale or transfer, and the date when I must begin sending payments to that entity. Sale or transfer of my loan(s) does not affect my rights and responsibilities under such loan(s). If the lender sells my loan(s) to another originating lender, the lender may also transfer the right to offer subsequent loans under the MPN to such purchaser. I always have the right to terminate a lender's ability to make loans to me under this MPN by written notice to the lender.

**14. Loan Discharge** — My loan(s) will be discharged if acceptable documentation of my death or the death of the student for whom I acquired a loan is submitted to my lender.

My loan(s) may also be discharged if I become totally and permanently disabled as defined by the Act and meet certain other requirements.

My loan(s) will not automatically be discharged in bankruptcy. In order to discharge a loan(s) in bankruptcy, I must prove undue hardship in an adversary proceeding before the bankruptcy court.

In certain cases, the Act provides for loan discharge if I (or the student) could not complete a course of study because the school closed, if my loan eligibility was falsely certified by the school, or if a loan in my name was falsely certified as a result of a crime of identity theft. The Act also provides for loan discharge in the amount of any required refund that the school did not make to my loan holder on my behalf.

Neither the lender, the guarantor, nor the Department of Education vouches for the quality or suitability of the academic programs offered by participating schools. Unless I qualify for loan discharge under the Act, I must repay the loan(s) even if I (or the student)

**Capitalization of Federal PLUS Loan Interest**

**What is Capitalization?**

Capitalization is a process whereby a lender adds unpaid interest to the principal balance of a loan(s). I am responsible for paying the interest due on my Federal PLUS Loan(s) from the date the lender disburses the loan funds until the loan(s) is paid in full.

If I am granted a deferment or forbearance and I choose to defer and capitalize interest charges, the principal balance of my loan(s) will increase each time my lender capitalizes unpaid interest. As a result, I will pay more interest charges over the life of the loan(s). When I resume repaying my loan(s), my monthly payment amount may be higher or, if my loan(s) is subject to the \$50 minimum payment, I may be required to make more payments.

I should contact my lender if I have any questions or need more information.

This chart compares the monthly payments on a loan(s) where interest is paid while the loan is in a deferment or forbearance status and a loan(s) where the interest is capitalized. This example uses an interest rate of 8.5% and represents the loan amount outstanding when the borrower first enters repayment. This is an estimate only. The actual interest capitalized will depend on factors such as disbursement date, number of disbursements, and the frequency of capitalization. The estimate of interest capitalized in these examples is based on quarterly capitalization over a 12-month period.

| Treatment of Interest           | Loan Amount | Capitalized Interest for 12 Months | Principal to Be Repaid | Monthly Payment | Number of Payments | Total Amount Repaid |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| When you pay the interest       | \$15,000    | \$0                                | \$15,000               | \$186           | 120                | \$23,593*           |
| When you don't pay the interest | \$15,000    | \$1,316                            | \$16,316               | \$202           | 120                | \$24,276            |

\*Total amount repaid includes \$1,275 of interest paid by the borrower during the 12-month period of deferment or forbearance.

**Results:** During repayment, you may pay \$16 less per month and \$683 less over the lifetime of your loan(s) when you pay the interest as it is charged.

do not complete the education paid for with the loan(s), am unable to obtain employment in the field of study for which the school provided training, or am dissatisfied with, or do not receive, the education paid for with the loan(s).

For additional information, I should contact my lender or guarantor.

**15. Consequences of Default** — Default is defined in detail in my MPN. If I default, the entire unpaid balance and collection fees on the applicable loan(s) will become immediately due and payable. Failure to repay any loan made under this MPN may result in any or all of the following:

- Loss of federal and state income tax refunds,
- Loss of other federal or state payments,
- Legal action against me,
- Collection charges (including attorney fees) being assessed against me,
- Loss of my professional license,
- An increase in my interest rate,
- Loss of eligibility for other student aid and assistance under most federal benefit programs,
- Loss of eligibility for loan deferments,
- Negative credit reports to consumer reporting agencies,
- Assignment of my loan to the Department, and/or
- My employer withholding part of my wages to give them to my guarantor or the Department (administrative wage garnishment).

**16. Consumer Reporting Agency Notification** — Information concerning the amount, disbursement, and repayment status (current or delinquent) of my loan(s) will be reported by my lender to one or more national consumer reporting agencies on a regular basis. My loan(s) will be identified as an education loan(s). If I default on any loan(s) made under this MPN, the default will also be reported by the guarantor to all national consumer reporting agencies. Before any guarantor reports such a default, it will give me at least 30 days notice that default information will be disclosed to the consumer reporting agencies unless I enter into a repayment arrangement within 30 days of the date on the notice. The guarantor will give me a chance to ask for a review of the debt(s) before the default is reported. My lender or guarantor, as applicable, must provide a timely response to a request from any consumer reporting agency regarding objections I might raise with that agency about the accuracy and completeness of information reported by the lender or guarantor.

**17. Special Repayment Arrangements** — A Federal Consolidation Loan Program is available under which I may consolidate federal education loans received from different lenders, the same lender, and/or under different federal education loan programs into one loan. Depending on the amount I borrow, this program may result in an extension of my repayment period. Consolidation permits multiple debts to be combined into one monthly payment. For additional information, I should contact my lender or guarantor.

I may consolidate my FFELP loans into the Direct Loan Program to take advantage of the public service loan forgiveness program. This program provides for the cancellation of the remaining balance due on eligible Direct Loan Program loans after I have made 120 payments (after October 1, 2007) on those loans under certain repayment plans while employed in certain public service jobs.

I may also consolidate my FFELP loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2008 (including Federal Consolidation Loans that repaid FFELP or Direct Loan Program loans first disbursed on or after

October 1, 2008) into the Direct Loan Program to take advantage of the no accrual of interest benefit for active duty service members. No interest will be charged on the portion of my Direct Consolidation Loan that repaid FFELP or Direct Loan Program loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2008 during periods of qualifying active duty military service (for up to 60 months).

The Act may provide for certain loan forgiveness or repayment benefits on my loans in addition to the benefits described in this MPN. If other forgiveness or repayment options become available, my loan holder will provide information about these benefits.

Under certain circumstances, military personnel may have their federal education loan(s) repaid by the Secretary of Defense. I should address any questions to the local service recruiter. This is a recruiting program and does not pertain to prior service individuals or those not eligible for enlistment in the Armed Forces.

Other agencies of the federal government may also offer student loan repayment programs as an incentive to recruit and retain employees. I should contact the agency's human resources department for more information.

**18. Deferments** — Under certain circumstances, I have a right to defer (postpone) repayment. The types of deferments that are available to me generally depend on when I first obtained a FFELP loan. Upon request, my lender will provide me with a deferment application that explains the eligibility requirements. If I am in default on a loan, I am not eligible for a deferment on that loan.

Deferment of repayment for loans made under this MPN is available:

- While I am enrolled at least half time at an eligible school,
- During the 6-month period after I cease to be enrolled at least half time,
- While the student for whom I obtained a loan is enrolled at least half time at an eligible school,
- During the 6-month period after the student for whom I obtained a loan ceases to be enrolled at least half time,
- While I am engaged in a full-time course of study in a graduate fellowship program,
- While I am engaged in a full-time rehabilitation training program for individuals with disabilities (if the program is approved by the Department of Education),
- While I am conscientiously seeking, but unable to find, full-time employment (for up to three years),
- While I am experiencing an economic hardship as determined by federal law (for up to three years),
- While I am serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency or performing qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency and, if I was serving on or after October 1, 2007, for an additional 180-day period following the demobilization date for my qualifying service, or
- If I am a member of the National Guard or other reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces (current or retired) and I am called or ordered to active duty while I am enrolled at least half time at an eligible school or within 6 months of having been enrolled at least half time, during the 13 months following the conclusion of my active duty service, or until I return to enrolled student status on at least a half-time basis, whichever is earlier.

For in-school deferments based on my enrollment status and (if I am a graduate or professional student) for the 6-month period after I cease to be

enrolled at least half time, my lender will process the deferment based on (i) my request along with documentation verifying my eligibility, or (ii) the lender's receipt of a school certification of eligibility in connection with a new loan, or (iii) the lender's receipt of student status information indicating that I am enrolled on at least a half-time basis. If my lender processes a deferment based on (ii) or (iii), I will be notified of the deferment and will have the option of canceling the deferment and continuing to make payments on my loan(s).

For all other deferments, I must provide my lender with a deferment request (or, for a deferment based on active duty or qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency, a representative may request the deferment on my behalf). I must also provide information and documentation that establishes my eligibility, except in certain circumstances when my lender may establish my eligibility by confirming I have received a deferment on another FFELP loan or on a Direct Loan.

**NOTE:** If at the time I obtain a loan under this MPN I have an outstanding balance on a FFELP loan disbursed before July 1, 1993, information on deferment conditions that apply will be found in my earlier promissory note materials.

**19. Forbearance** — If I am unable to make any scheduled loan payment(s), the lender may allow me to reduce my payment amount, to extend the time for making payments, or to temporarily stop making payments as long as I intend to repay my loan(s). Allowing me to temporarily delay or reduce loan payments is called a forbearance. Interest continues to accrue during a forbearance period.

The lender may grant me a forbearance due to poor health or other acceptable reasons.

My lender is generally not required to grant a forbearance and may require me to provide my reasons for the request and other information.

The lender may grant me a forbearance to eliminate a delinquency that persists even though I am making scheduled installment payments. My lender may grant me an administrative forbearance for up to 60 days in order to collect and process documentation supporting my request for a deferment, forbearance, change in repayment plan, consolidation, or discharge.

Circumstances that require my lender to grant me a forbearance, if I provide appropriate documentation, include:

- Serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program, if I meet certain criteria.
- Serving in a national service position for which I receive a national service education award under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. In some cases, the interest that accrues on a qualified loan during the service period will be paid by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- Qualifying for partial repayment of my loans under the Student Loan Repayment Program, as administered by the Department of Defense.
- Having a monthly debt burden for Title IV loans that collectively equals or exceeds 20% of my total monthly gross income (for up to three years).
- Being called to active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

For additional information, I should contact my lender.

Follow these steps to estimate your loan payment.

**Step 1: Calculate Your Monthly Interest Charges**

Round your Federal PLUS Loan balance up to the nearest \$500. If your loan amount is not on the table, follow the example below to estimate your monthly accrued interest.

**Example:**

Federal PLUS Loan of \$5,479 at 8.5% interest.  
Round up to nearest \$500 = \$5,500.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$5,000 = \$35.42/\text{month} \\
 + 500 = \$ 3.54/\text{month} \\
 \hline
 \$5,500 = \$38.96/\text{month}^*
 \end{array}$$

Your monthly interest \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Approximate Monthly Interest**

| Loan Amount | 8.5%      |
|-------------|-----------|
| \$ 500      | \$ 3.54   |
| \$ 1,000    | \$ 7.08   |
| \$ 3,000    | \$ 21.25  |
| \$ 5,000    | \$ 35.42  |
| \$ 6,000    | \$ 42.50  |
| \$ 7,000    | \$ 49.58  |
| \$ 9,000    | \$ 63.75  |
| \$ 10,000   | \$ 70.83  |
| \$ 15,000   | \$ 106.25 |
| \$ 20,000   | \$ 141.67 |
| \$ 25,000   | \$ 177.08 |

**Step 2: Estimate Your Capitalized Interest**

Complete this step only if you will capitalize interest on a Federal PLUS Loan. **This is an estimate only.** Actual interest capitalized will depend on factors such as disbursement dates, number of disbursements, and the frequency of capitalization.

|                           | Monthly Interest (From Step One) |   | Number of Months in Deferment or Forbearance | = | Estimate of Capitalized Interest |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Example                   | \$ <u>38.96</u>                  | X | <u>22</u>                                    | = | \$ <u>857.12</u>                 |
| Your capitalized interest | \$ _____                         | X | _____  | = | \$ _____                         |

**Step 3: Estimate Your Monthly Payment**

Round your loan balance up to the nearest \$500. If your principal amount is not on the table, follow the example below to estimate your monthly payment. If you previously had interest capitalized, add it to the outstanding loan amount to get the new principal amount.

**Example:**

Federal PLUS Loan of \$6,357.12 (\$5,500.00 + \$857.12) at 8.5% interest.  
Round up to nearest \$500 = \$6,500.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$6,000 = \$74.39/\text{month} \\
 + 500 = \$ 6.20/\text{month} \\
 \hline
 \$6,500 = \$80.59/\text{month}
 \end{array}$$

Estimated monthly payment = \$80.59

\*Minimum monthly payment = \$50 or amount of interest accruing each month.

**Estimated Monthly Payments (10-Year Term)**

| Loan Amount | 8.5%      |
|-------------|-----------|
| \$ 500*     | \$ 6.20   |
| \$ 1,000*   | \$ 12.40  |
| \$ 3,000*   | \$ 37.20  |
| \$ 5,000    | \$ 61.99  |
| \$ 6,000    | \$ 74.39  |
| \$ 7,000    | \$ 86.79  |
| \$ 9,000    | \$ 111.59 |
| \$ 10,000   | \$ 123.99 |
| \$ 15,000   | \$ 185.98 |
| \$ 20,000   | \$ 247.97 |
| \$ 25,000   | \$ 309.96 |

|                      | Loan Amount     | + | Estimate of Capitalized Interest (From Step Two) | = | New Principal Balance | Estimated Monthly Payment |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Example              | \$ <u>5,500</u> | + | \$ <u>857.12</u>                                 | = | \$ <u>6,357.12</u>    | \$ <u>80.59</u>           |
| Your Monthly Payment | \$ _____        | + | \$ _____   | = | \$ _____              | \$ _____                  |

## Federal PLUS Loan Plain Language Disclosure

A graduate or professional student or the parent of a dependent undergraduate student may borrow a PLUS Loan. In this document "you" refers to the borrower. This Disclosure summarizes information concerning your loan. Please refer to your Federal PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN), Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement, and loan-specific disclosure for the complete terms and conditions of your loan. Except as specifically stated in this Disclosure, those documents govern the terms and conditions of your loan.

Please read this Disclosure carefully, print the document if it has been delivered in an electronic form, and maintain a hard copy in a safe place. If you have questions about your loan, contact your lender.

**1. General** - You are receiving a Federal PLUS Loan to help cover the costs of your education or your dependent undergraduate student's education. You must repay this loan. You are responsible for repaying this loan even if you or your dependent student are dissatisfied with the education provided by the school, do not complete the program of study, or cannot find work in that area of study. Borrow only the amount you need.

By accepting your loan proceeds, you are certifying, under penalty of perjury, that if you or your dependent undergraduate student, as applicable, have been convicted of, or have pled *nolo contendere* or guilty to, a crime involving fraud in obtaining federal student assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (the Act), you, or the student, have completed the repayment of such funds to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) or to the loan holder in the case of a Title IV federal student loan.

Information about your loan(s) will be submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Information in NSLDS is accessible to schools, lenders, and guarantors for specific purposes as authorized by the Department.

**2. Loan Cancellation** - Before your lender sends your loan money to the school, you may cancel or reduce the amount of your loan by writing to the school or your lender. After your loan money is sent to the school, you may cancel all or part of your loan by notifying the school within certain time frames. If the school has obtained your written confirmation of the types and amounts of loans you want to receive before crediting the loan funds to your or your dependent student's account, you may cancel all or a part of that loan by informing the school within 14 days after the date the school notifies you of your right to cancel the loan, or by the first day of the school's payment period, whichever is later. If the school has not obtained your written confirmation of the loans you want to receive, you may cancel all or part of the loan by informing the school within 30 days of the date the school notifies you of your right to cancel the loan. If you cancel all or a portion of a loan as described in this paragraph, the school will return the cancelled amount to your lender, and the loan fees will be eliminated or reduced in proportion to the amount returned. You may also pay back all or a part of your loan within 120 days of the date your lender sends your loan money to the school, and your loan fees will be eliminated or reduced.

**3. Federal PLUS Loan MPN** - If you are a parent borrowing for more than one dependent undergraduate student, you need a separate MPN for each student. If you are borrowing for yourself as a graduate or professional student and also as a parent for one or more dependent undergraduate students, you need one MPN to borrow for yourself as the student and a separate MPN to borrow for each dependent student.

If you or your dependent student continue to attend a participating school located in the United States, you may receive multiple loans for yourself or your dependent student, as applicable, under the same MPN (as explained above) for up to 10 years. You may write to your lender to stop loans from being made under your MPN. You will need to sign a new MPN if you want to change your lender or if you or your dependent student transfer between a Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) school and a William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program school.

**4. Loan Amount** - The total amount you borrow each academic year cannot be more than the cost of attendance minus any financial aid that has been or will be awarded for the period of enrollment for which the loan is intended. The school determines the cost of attendance using federal guidelines.

**5. Use of Loan Money** - The loan money you borrow may only be used to pay educational expenses (e.g., tuition, room, board, books) for yourself (if you are a graduate or professional student borrower), or for the dependent undergraduate student (if you are a parent borrower) at the school that certified your eligibility. If you accept this loan, eligibility for other student assistance may be affected.

**6. Origination Fee and Federal Default Fee** - Federal law requires an origination fee and a federal default fee for each loan made under the MPN. (Before July 1, 2006, the federal default fee was called a guarantee fee or insurance premium.) The law specifies the maximum amount of each fee and authorizes both fees to be deducted from your loan amount.

**7. Change of Status or Address** - You must tell the school and/or your lender if you or your dependent student stops attending school, no longer attends school on at least a half-time basis, or transfers to another school. You must also tell your lender any time you change your address, telephone number, e-mail address, name (e.g., maiden name to married name) or employer, or if the address or telephone number of your employer changes at any time.

**8. Repayment** - You must repay the full loan amount, and all interest on your loan, generally within 10 years. The repayment period for your loan begins on the date of the final disbursement. Unless payments are deferred, your first payment will be due within 60 days of your final disbursement. (See Item 12 of this Disclosure for deferment information.)

You must make payments according to the schedule provided by your lender. Your lender will give you the choice of a Standard Repayment Plan, a Graduated Repayment Plan, an Income-Sensitive Repayment Plan or, if you are eligible, an Extended Repayment Plan. Effective July 1, 2009, if you are a graduate or professional student Federal PLUS Loan borrower and if you are eligible, you may also choose an Income-Based Repayment Plan under which your monthly payment will be based on your income during any period when you are experiencing a partial financial hardship. (Parent Federal PLUS Loan borrowers are not eligible for the Income-Based Repayment Plan.) You may request to change your repayment plan at any time, but your lender may limit you to one such change each year. These plans are designed to give you flexibility in meeting your repayment obligation. You may make loan payments before they are required, or in amounts greater than required, at any time without penalty. When you pay back your loan in full, the current loan holder may send you a notice telling you that you have paid off your loan instead of returning the original MPN. You should keep this notice in a safe place.

**9. Interest** - Loans with a first disbursement on or after July 1, 2006, have a fixed interest rate of 8.5%. Loans made prior to that date have a variable interest rate that may change each year on July 1 and that will never be more than 9%. If you qualify under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the interest rate on your loans obtained prior to military service may be limited to 6% during your military service. To receive this benefit, you must contact your loan holder for information about the documentation you must provide to show that you qualify.

Interest is charged on the unpaid principal amount. Interest charges begin on the date the loan is disbursed and end when the loan is paid in full. You must pay all interest charges on your Federal PLUS Loan. You agree that the lender may add interest charges to your loan amount, as provided by law, if you do not make payments of interest.

**10. Late Charges and Collection Costs** - Your lender may collect a late charge from you if you do not make any part of a payment within 15 days after it is due. Your lender may only collect one late charge for each payment, no matter how many days the payment is late. Your lender may also collect from you certain limited charges and fees involved in collecting your loan in accordance with the Department's regulations.

**11. Loan Consolidation** - You may be eligible to consolidate all of your eligible federal education loans into one loan. Consolidating your loans may give you up to 30 years to pay them back and may lower your monthly payments; however, you may be repaying your loans for a longer period and pay more interest. Contact your lender for more information about consolidating your loans.

**12. Deferments** - You do not have to make payments in certain circumstances. For example: You may defer repayment for up to 3 years while you are unemployed.

You may defer repayment while you are enrolled at least half time at an eligible school and, for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008, during the 6-month period after you cease to be enrolled at least half time. If you are a parent borrower, you may request that repayment of principal for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008 be deferred while the student for whom you obtained the loan is enrolled at least half time at an eligible school, and for the 6-month period after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time.

A deferment is also available while you are serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency, or performing qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency and if you are serving on or after October 1, 2007, for an additional 180-day period following the demobilization date for your qualifying service. If you are a member of the National Guard or other reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces (current or retired) and you are called or ordered to active duty while you are enrolled at least half time at an eligible school, or within 6 months of having been enrolled at least half time, you are eligible for a deferment during the 13 months following the conclusion of your active duty service, or until the date you return to enrolled student status on at least a half-time basis, whichever is earlier.

This is not a complete list of available deferments. For a complete list of deferments, and all documentation and eligibility requirements, please refer to your Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement and any supplemental information you may receive.

You must pay the interest on a PLUS Loan during deferment periods, or it will be added to the principal amount of the loan. If interest is added to the principal amount, you will then pay interest on the larger amount. Having interest added to the principal amount may also cause your monthly payment amount to increase.

**13. Forbearance** - If you cannot make scheduled payments and do not qualify for a deferment, your lender may allow you to temporarily make smaller payments or temporarily stop making payments. This is called a forbearance. Interest will be charged on your loan during a forbearance. The lender must grant you a forbearance in certain cases, as described in your Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

**14. Loan Discharge** - Your loan will be discharged (forgiven) when (i) acceptable documentation of your death, or your dependent's death, is given to your lender, (ii) you or your dependent cannot complete a course of study because the school closes, (iii) the school falsely certifies your loan eligibility, (iv) a loan in your name was falsely certified as a result of a crime of identity theft, or (v) you become totally and permanently disabled and meet certain other requirements. Your loan may also be discharged up to the amount of any refund that the school should have made, but did not send to your lender. Your loan will not automatically be discharged in bankruptcy.

**15. Consumer Reporting Agency Notification** - Information about your loan will be reported to national consumer reporting agencies. Information will include the disbursement date, amount, and repayment status of your loan (for example, whether you are current or behind schedule in making payments).

**16. Default and Acceleration** - If you default on your loan, that fact will be reported to all national consumer reporting agencies. All unpaid amounts and collection fees on your loan will become immediately due and payable. You may be sued, your wages may be garnished, you may lose federal payments, and/or your tax refund may be withheld. You agree to pay reasonable collection fees and costs, plus court costs and attorney fees. You may face other serious consequences.

**17. Sale or Transfer of Your Loan** - Your lender may sell or assign this loan without your consent and without selling or assigning any of your other loans. The sale or transfer of your loan does not affect your rights and responsibilities with respect to the loan. If ownership of a loan is transferred and the entity to which you must make payments changes, you will be notified of that entity's name, address and telephone number, the effective date of the sale or transfer, and the date when you must begin sending payments to that entity.

**18. Department of Defense Repayment Program** - Under certain circumstances, military personnel may have their loan(s) repaid by the Secretary of Defense. You should address any questions you have to the local service recruiter. This is a recruiting program and generally does not pertain to prior service individuals or those not eligible for enlistment in the Armed Forces.

**19. Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program** - You may consolidate your FFELP loans into the Direct Loan Program to take advantage of the public service loan forgiveness program. This program provides for the cancellation of the remaining balance due on eligible Direct Loan Program loans after you have made 120 payments (after October 1, 2007) on those Direct Loans under certain repayment plans while you are employed in certain public service jobs.

**20. No Accrual of Interest for Active Duty Service Members** - You may consolidate your FFELP loans on or after October 1, 2008 (including Federal Consolidation Loans that repaid FFELP or Direct Loan Program loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2008) into the Direct Loan Program to take advantage of the no accrual of interest benefit for active duty service members. No interest will be charged on the portion of a Direct Consolidation Loan that repaid FFELP or Direct Loan Program loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 2008 during periods of qualifying active duty military service (for up to 60 months).

**21. Other Loan Forgiveness and Repayment Benefits** - The Act may provide for certain loan forgiveness or repayment benefits on your loans in addition to the benefits described in your MPN. If other forgiveness or repayment options become available, your loan holder will provide information about these benefits.



**School Information Form for Loan Application**

**Please complete the following information about the school attended.  
By providing complete information below, you will assure timely processing  
of your application.**

Student's Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal School Code or ID# \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Financial Aid Office: (     ) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Guarantor Name, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Guarantor Code or ID, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your completed application and school information form to:**

**Student Assistance Foundation  
Loan Origination Department  
PO Box 5720  
Helena MT 59604-5720**

**If you have questions about these forms or any other portion of your loan  
origination process, please call 800-504-7324.**