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What is Electronic Debiting?

Electronic Debiting is a service that allows your bank to automatically debit your monthly student loan payments from your checking or savings account. Your payment will be forwarded from your bank to the Direct Loan Servicing Center for processing.

What are the benefits?

Electronic Debiting is the most convenient and efficient way to make your student loan payments. It saves you the time and inconvenience of writing and mailing a check every month, and ensures that your student loan payments will be made on time. In addition, if you pay by Electronic Debiting, you may be eligible to have you interest rate reduced by 0.25%!

How do I set up this service?

- You can complete and submit an application on the Direct Loan Servicing Center web site at www.dl.ed.gov or
- **2.** You can complete the attached application by-
 - Providing the requested information. (You may want to make a copy of the application for your records.)
 - Writing the word "VOID" on a blank check or savings account deposit slip. *Please do not submit a checking account deposit slip. Checking account deposit slips cannot be accepted because they often do not include all required information.*
 - Sending your application and voided blank check or savings account deposit slip to the address at the bottom of the application.

One application will cover all of your Direct Loans, and we will keep all of your information confidential.

How will I know if my application has been approved?

The Direct Loan Servicing Center will notify you in writing about the status of your application for electronic debiting.

On what day will my bank account be debited and for how much?

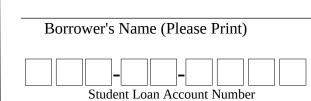
The Direct Loan Servicing Center will notify you of your payment due date. Your account will be debited on that date. If the payment due date does not fall on a business day, your bank account will be debited on the following business day. The amount debited from your account will be the total monthly payment amount due for all of your Direct Loans.

What if I change my mind later and want to cancel this service?

To cancel electronic debiting and receive a monthly billing statement instead, contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-848-0979. Because it may take up to 30 days to discontinue electronic debiting, one additional automatic payment may be debited from your bank account before you start receiving monthly statements.

Where do I mail my application?

U.S. Department of Education Direct Loan Servicing Center Borrower Services Department P.O. Box 5201 Greenville, TX 75403-5201



Electronic Debit Account Application

I authorize my bank to deduct my Direct Loan payments automatically from my checking or savings account each month. I agree that I may be charged a return item fee if the funds are not available at the time of the scheduled payment due date. By submitting this form, I agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

I understand that I must make regular payments until I am notified that my application has been approved. If at any time I decide to discontinue Electronic Debiting, I will notify the Direct Loan Servicing Center by calling 1-800-848-0979.

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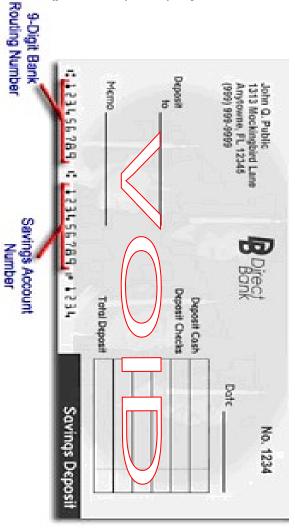
Because the routing # on the bottom of your check or savings account deposit slip may be incomplete, please verify it with your bank before filling in the boxes.

Checking/Savings Account Number	
Signature	

Holder of Bank Account

Date Signed

digit bank routing number and account number on your savings account deposit slip or your check.



Mail to this address: U.S. Department of Education Direct Loan Servicing Center Borrower Services Department P.O. Box 5201 Greenville, TX 75403-5201

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Federal Student Aid U.S. Department of Education OMB No. 1845-0040 Form Approved Exp. Date XX/XX/XXX

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 §451 *et seq.* of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1087*a 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 William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program 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 Direct Loan Program, 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) become 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 7.1. 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.

Paperwork Reduction Notice

The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 0.0333 hours (2 minutes) per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data that is 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, D.C. 20202-4700, If you have any comments or concerns regarding the status of *your individual submission* of this form, write directly to the address shown on the application.

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