

Federal Family Education Loan Program

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

SECTION 1: BORROWER IDENTIFICATION

Please enter or correct the following information.

SSN [][][][]-[][][]-[][][][][]

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone - Home () _____

Telephone - Other () _____

E-Mail Address (Optional) _____

SECTION 2: DEFERMENT REQUEST

Before answering any questions, carefully read the entire form, including the instructions and other information in Sections 5, 6, and 7.

I meet the qualifications stated in Section 7 for the deferment checked below and request that my loan holder defer repayment of my loan(s):

For all FFEL Program borrowers:

- 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 borrowers with an outstanding balance on at least one FFEL Program loan that was made before July 1, 1993, or who had an outstanding balance on a loan made before July 1, 1993, when he or she obtained a loan on or after July 1, 1993:

- While I am engaged in an INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY* program at an institution of higher education, hospital, or health care facility.
While I am engaged in an INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY* program at any other institution or organization. Name of Internship/Residency program: _____

* Federal PLUS Loans qualify for INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY deferments only if they were made before August 15, 1983; Federal Consolidation Loans do not qualify for INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY deferments.

For Federal Stafford and SLS borrowers whose first loans were made on or after July 1, 1987, and before July 1, 1993:

- While I am teaching in a designated TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA.

SECTION 3: BORROWER UNDERSTANDINGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

I understand that: (1) I am not required to make payments of loan principal during my deferment. Interest will not be charged on my subsidized loan(s) during my deferment. However, interest will be charged on my unsubsidized loan(s). (2) I have the option of making interest payments on my unsubsidized loan(s) during my deferment. (3) I may choose to make interest payments by checking the box below. My loan holder may capitalize that I do not pay during the deferment period.

- I wish to make interest payments on my unsubsidized loan(s) during my deferment.

(4) My deferment will begin on the date the condition that qualifies me for the deferment began, as certified by the authorized official who completes Section 4 of this form. (5) My deferment will end on the earlier of the date that I no longer meet the condition that qualifies me for the deferment or the ending date of that condition as certified by the authorized official. (6) If my deferment does not cover all my past due payments, my loan holder may grant me a forbearance for all payments due before the begin date of my deferment or—if the period for which I am eligible for a deferment has ended—a forbearance for all payments due at the time my deferment request is processed. (7) If I have used all 24 months allowed for an INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY Deferment, I can apply for a forbearance for up to 12 months at a time for the remainder of my internship/residency program. (8) If I am eligible for a post-deferment grace period on loans made before October 1, 1981, my loan holder may grant me a forbearance on my other loans for this period so that I can begin repayment of all my loans at the same time. I understand that my loan holder may capitalize the interest that accrues on my other loans during the six-month period and that this will increase the principal balance of my other loans. (9) My loan holder may grant me a forbearance on my loans for up to 60 days, if necessary, for the collection and processing of documentation related to my deferment request. Interest that accrues during the forbearance will not be capitalized.

I certify that: (1) The information I provided in Sections 1 and 2 above is true and correct. (2) I will provide additional documentation to my loan holder, as required, to support my deferment status. (3) I will notify my loan holder immediately when the condition(s) that qualified me for the deferment ends. (4) I have read, understand, and meet the eligibility criteria of the deferment for which I have applied, as explained in Section 7.

Borrower's Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 4: AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL'S CERTIFICATION

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the borrower named above is/was engaged in the program/teaching service indicated in Section 2, and that the borrower and the borrower's program/teaching service meet all of the eligibility requirements specified in Section 7. The borrower's program/teaching service begins/began on [][][]-[][][]-[][][][][] and is expected to end/ended on [][][]-[][][]-[][][][][].

Teacher Shortage Area Deferment Only

The borrower is/was teaching in (area/curriculum) _____, which is a shortage area designated by the U.S. Secretary of Education for the state of _____ for the school year beginning on [][][]-[][][]-[][][][][] and ending on [][][]-[][][]-[][][][][]. The borrower is/was teaching grade level _____.

Name of Institution _____ OPE-ID (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Name/Title of Authorized Official _____ Telephone () _____

Authorized Official's Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 5: INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

Type or print using dark ink. Report dates as month-day-year (MM-DD-YYYY). For example, 'January 31, 2006' = '01-31-2006'. An authorized official must complete Section 4. If you need help completing this form, contact your loan holder.

Return the completed form and any required documentation to the address shown in Section 8.

SECTION 6: DEFINITIONS

■ Authorized certifying officials:

- Authorized Graduate Fellowship Program Official
- Rehabilitation Training Program Official
- Internship/Residency Program Official (for all internships and residencies)
- State Licensing Official (for internships required to begin professional practice or service; certification by a state licensing official, if required, must be provided on a separate statement attached to this form.)
- Chief School Administrator (for borrowers teaching in teacher shortage areas; additional certification may be required if the Chief State School Officer has not provided a list of approved shortage areas to school administrators)

■ **Capitalization** is the addition of unpaid interest to the principal balance of my loan. This will increase the principal and the total cost of my loan.

■ A **deferment** is a period during which I am entitled to postpone repayment of the principal balance of my loan(s). The federal government pays the interest that accrues during an eligible deferment for all subsidized Federal Stafford Loans and for Federal Consolidation Loans for which the Consolidation Loan application was received by my loan holder **(1)** on or after January 1, 1993, but before August 10, 1993, **(2)** on or after August 10, 1993, if it includes **only** Federal Stafford Loans that were eligible for federal interest subsidy, or **(3)** on or after November 13, 1997, for that portion of the consolidation loan that paid a subsidized FFEL Loan or a subsidized Federal Direct Loan. I am responsible for the interest that accrues during this period on all other FFEL Program loans.

■ The **Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program** includes Federal Stafford Loans (both subsidized and unsubsidized), Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS), Federal PLUS Loans, and Federal Consolidation Loans.

■ **Forbearance** means permitting the temporary cessation of payments, allowing an extension of time for making payments, or temporarily accepting smaller payments than previously scheduled. I am responsible for paying the interest that accrues on my loan(s) during a forbearance. If I do not pay the interest that accrues, the interest may be capitalized.

■ The **holder** of my FFEL Program loan(s) may be a lender, guaranty agency, secondary market, or the U.S. Department of Education.

SECTION 7: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EDUCATION RELATED DEFERMENT REQUEST

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP and REHABILITATION TRAINING Deferments

I may defer repayment of my loan(s) while I am:

- Engaged in a full-time course of study in a **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP** program. To qualify: **(1)** My graduate fellowship program must **(a)** provide sufficient financial support to allow for full-time study for a period of at least six months; **(b)** require, prior to the awarding of financial support, a written statement from each applicant which explains the applicant's objectives; **(c)** require a graduate fellow to submit periodic reports, projects, or other evidence of the graduate fellow's progress, and **(d)** in the case of a course of study at a foreign university, accept the course of study for completion of the fellowship program. **(2)** I must **(a)** hold at least a Bachelor's Degree conferred by an institution of higher education, and **(b)** have been accepted or recommended by an institution of higher education for acceptance into the graduate fellowship program on a full-time basis. **(3)** If I am in a medical internship or residency program, I am not eligible for this deferment.
- Engaged in a full-time **REHABILITATION TRAINING** program. To qualify: **(1)** My training program must **(a)** be licensed, approved, certified or recognized as providing rehabilitation training to disabled individuals by the Department of Veterans Affairs or a state agency responsible for vocational rehabilitation, drug abuse treatment, mental health services, or alcohol abuse treatment programs; **(b)** provide services under a written individualized plan that specifies the date the services are expected to end; and **(c)** be structured in a way that requires a substantial commitment by me to my rehabilitation. ("Substantial commitment" means a commitment of time and effort that would normally prevent a person from being employed 30 or more hours per week in a position expected to last at least three months.) **(2)** I must be either receiving, or scheduled to receive, these rehabilitation services.

INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY Deferments

To qualify:

- I must have an outstanding balance on a FFEL Program loan, which was made before **July 1, 1993**, or I must have had an outstanding balance on a **FFEL Program loan made before July 1, 1993, when I obtained a loan on or after July 1, 1993**. If I am a Federal PLUS Loan borrower, I am eligible for the INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY Deferment only on PLUS loans made **before August 15, 1983**.

I may defer repayment of my loan(s) while I am:

- Engaged in an **INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY** program. (Maximum eligibility is two years; borrowers may request forbearance for the remainder of a medical or dental internship/residency program. Dental Interns/Residents are encouraged to apply for an IN-SCHOOL Deferment.) To qualify: **(1)** I must have been accepted into an internship/residency program which must **(a)** be a supervised training program, and **(b)** require that I hold at least a Bachelor's Degree before acceptance into the program. **(2)** In addition, my program must either **(a)** lead to a degree or certificate from an institution of higher education, a hospital, or a health care facility that offers postgraduate training, or **(b)** be required before I may be certified for professional practice or service. **(3) If my program does not lead to a degree or certificate, but is required before I may be certified for professional practice or service, I must also provide (attached to this form) a separate statement from the appropriate state licensing agency certifying this requirement, in addition to the Authorized Official's Certification in Section 4.**

TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA Deferments

To qualify :

- I am eligible for the TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA deferment only if I am a Federal Stafford or SLS loan borrower whose first FFEL Program loan was made **on or after July 1, 1987, and before July 1, 1993**, or I had an outstanding balance on a loan obtained **on or after July 1, 1987, and before July 1, 1993**, when I obtained a loan **on or after July 1, 1993**. If I am a Federal PLUS Loan borrower I am not eligible for the Teacher Shortage Area deferment.

I may defer repayment of my loan(s) while I am:

- Teaching in a designated **TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA**. (Maximum eligibility is three years; borrowers must reapply each school year.) To qualify, I must teach full-time in a public or non-profit private elementary or secondary school in a geographic region or specific grade level, academic, instructional, subject matter or discipline classification that has been designated as a shortage area by the U.S. Department of Education. (I may contact my Chief School Administrator or Chief State School Officer for a list of my state's shortage areas.) I may reapply for a continuation of this deferment even if my teaching area is no longer classified as a shortage area.

SECTION 8: WHERE TO SEND THE COMPLETED DEFERMENT REQUEST

**RETURN THE COMPLETED DEFERMENT REQUEST AND ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO:
(IF NO ADDRESS IS SHOWN, RETURN TO YOUR LOAN HOLDER)**

SECTION 9: IMPORTANT NOTICES

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 §428(b)(2)(A) et seq. of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(2)(A) et seq.) and the authority for collecting and using your Social Security Number (SSN) is §484(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(4)). Participating in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) 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 FFEL program, to permit the servicing of your loan(s), and, if it becomes necessary, to locate you and to collect 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 to third parties as authorized under routine uses in the appropriate systems of records. The routine uses of this information include its disclosure to federal, state, or local agencies, to other federal agencies under computer matching programs, to agencies that we authorize to assist us in administering our loan programs, to private parties such as relatives, present and former employers, business and personal associates, to credit bureau organizations, to financial and educational institutions, to guaranty agencies, and to contractors 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 counsel you in repayment efforts, to enforce the terms of the loan(s), to investigate possible fraud and to verify compliance with federal student financial aid program regulations, to locate you if you become delinquent in your loan payments or if you default, to provide default rate calculations, to provide financial aid history information, to assist program administrators with tracking refunds and cancellations, or to provide a standardized method for educational institutions efficiently to submit student enrollment status.

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 also be made to qualified researchers under Privacy Act safeguards.

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U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to the address shown in Section 8.