



**LOAN DISCHARGE APPLICATION: FALSE CERTIFICATION
(DISQUALIFYING STATUS)**

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William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program

Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program

WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form or on 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.

SECTION 1: BORROWER IDENTIFICATION

Please enter or correct the following information.

Check this box if any of your information has changed.

SSN _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone - Primary _____

Telephone - Alternate _____

Email (Optional) _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Carefully read the entire application before completing it. In Sections 2 and 3, complete each item unless the item is identified as optional or the instructions tell you to skip an item.

SECTION 2: DISQUALIFYING STATUS INFORMATION

1. You are applying for this loan discharge as a: _____

Student borrower - Skip to Item 4.

Parent PLUS borrower - Continue to Item 2. If a question includes "(or the student)," answer as it applies to the student on whose behalf you borrowed the loan.

2. Student Name (Last, First, MI):

3. Student SSN:

4. School Name:

School Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

5. Dates that you (or the student) attended the school:

First Date: _____ Don't Know

OR

Last Date: _____ Don't Know

6. Provide the name of the program of study that you (or the student) were enrolled in when you received the loans that you want discharged:

7. Indicate your (or the student's) disqualifying status by checking the appropriate box(es) below. You must provide documentation that shows you (or the student) had the disqualifying status when you received the loan you want discharged.

Age

Physical condition

Mental condition

Criminal record

Other (specify):

8. You must provide the state legal requirements for employment that you (or the student) could not meet when you received the loan you want discharged. Provide a citation to the specific state law or regulation below or attach a copy of the law or regulation to your application.

SECTION 2: DISQUALIFYING STATUS INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

9. Before you received your loan, did the school ask if the disqualifying status existed?
- Yes
 No
 Don't Know
10. Did you tell the school about the disqualifying status before you received your loan?
- Yes - Attach a copy of any documentation you have that supports your answer of "yes" to this question, such as an email or letter you sent to the school **(providing this documentation is optional)**.
 No
11. Were you (or the student) unable to complete the program of study identified in Item 7 because you were denied access to job training, internships, or similar activities that were required for completion of the program due to the disqualifying condition identified in Item 7?
- Yes - Attach a copy of any documentation you have that supports your answer of "yes" to this question **(providing this documentation is optional)**.
 No.
12. Were you (or the student) denied employment in the occupation for which the program of study identified in Item 6 provided training because of the disqualifying condition identified in Item 7?
- Yes - Attach a copy of any documentation you have that supports your answer of "yes" to this question, such as a rejection letter from the employer **(providing this documentation is optional)**.
 No

SECTION 3: REFUNDS OR PAYMENTS

13. Have you (or the student) requested or received a refund or payment from the school or any third party (see Section 6) for any loan that you are requesting be discharged?
- Yes - Continue to Item 14.
 No - Skip to Item 17.
 Don't Know - Skip to Item 17.
14. Provide the name, address, and telephone number of the organization you (or the student) requested or received payment from:
- Name: _____
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

Telephone Number: _____
15. What is the amount of the refund requested and the status of the request?
- Amount: _____
- Status _____
16. What was the amount of any payment received? If none, enter "0."
- _____
17. Did the school refund any money on your behalf?
- Yes - Continue to Items 18-19.
 No - Sign and date the application in Section 4, then send it and any required documentation to the address in Section 8.
 Don't Know - Sign and date the application in Section 4, then send it and any required documentation to the address in Section 8.
18. What was the amount of the refund? _____
19. Explain why the money was refunded:
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- Sign and date the application in Section 4, then send it and any required documentation to address in Section 8.**

Borrower Name _____ Borrower SSN _____

SECTION 4: BORROWER CERTIFICATIONS, ASSIGNMENT, AND AUTHORIZATION

I **certify** that:

- I have read and agree to the terms and conditions for loan discharge, as specified in Section 7.
- Under penalty of perjury, all of the information I have provided on this application and in any accompanying documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By signing this application I **assign and transfer** to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) any right I have to a refund on the amount discharged from the school and/or from any owners, affiliates, or assignees of the school, and from any third party that pays claims for a refund because of the actions of the school.

I **authorize** the organization I submit this request to and its agents to contact me regarding my request or my loans at the cellular telephone number that I provide now or in the future using automated telephone dialing equipment or artificial or prerecorded voice or text messages.

Borrower's Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 5: INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

When completing this application, type or print using dark ink. Enter dates as month-day-year (mm-dd-yyyy). Use only numbers. Example: March 14, 2024 = 03-14-2024. If you need more space to answer any of the items, continue on separate sheets of paper and attach them to this application. Identify the question number for which you are providing additional information. Include your name and Social Security Number (SSN) at the top of page 2 and on all attached pages. **Return the completed application and documentation to the address shown in Section 8.**

SECTION 6: DEFINITIONS

The **William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program** includes Federal Direct Stafford/Ford (Direct Subsidized) Loans, Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford (Direct Unsubsidized) Loans, Federal Direct PLUS (Direct PLUS) Loans, and Federal Direct Consolidation (Direct Consolidation) 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.

The **holder** of your Direct Loan Program loans is the Department. The holder of your FFEL Program loans may be a lender, a guaranty agency, or the Department. Your loan holder may use a servicer to handle billing and other communications related to your loans. References to "your loan holder" on this form mean either your loan holder or your servicer.

If your loan is **discharged**, this means that you (and any endorser) are not required to repay the remaining portion of the loan, and you will be reimbursed for any payments on the loan that you made voluntarily or through forced collection (for example, through wage garnishment or Treasury offset). For a consolidation loan, only the portion that represents the original loans you received and that are eligible for discharge will be discharged. The loan holder reports the discharge to all consumer reporting agencies to which the holder previously reported the status of the loan and requests the removal of any adverse credit history previously associated with the loan.

The **student** refers to the student on whose behalf the parent borrower obtained a Direct PLUS Loan or Federal PLUS Loan.

Program of study means the instructional program leading to a degree or certificate you (or the student) were enrolled in.

Third party refers to any entity that may provide reimbursement for a refund owed by the school, such as a State or other entity offering a tuition recovery program.

SECTION 7: TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LOAN DISCHARGE BASED ON FALSE CERTIFICATION (DISQUALIFYING STATUS)

You are eligible to have your loans discharged based on false certification (disqualifying status) if the school certified your eligibility to receive a loan, but you (or the student) had a disqualifying status that would prevent you (or the student) from meeting state requirements for employment (in your or the student's state or residence when the loan was originated or certified) in the occupation for which the training program supported by the loan was intended. For this purpose, a disqualifying status may be a physical or mental condition, age, criminal record, or other reason accepted by the U.S. Department of Education.

For purposes of false certification (disqualifying status) loan discharge, a loan made under the Direct Loan Program is originated when the school submits the loan record to the U.S. Department of Education and a loan made under the FFEL Program was certified when the school transmitted the certification of the borrower's eligibility for the loan to the lender.

Only loans made on or after January 1, 1986 are eligible for this type of discharge.

By signing this application, you are agreeing to provide, upon request, testimony, a sworn statement, or other documentation reasonably available to you that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department or its designee that you meet the qualifications for loan discharge, or that supports any statement you made on this application or in any accompanying documents.

By signing this application, you are agreeing to cooperate with the Department or the Department's designee in any enforcement action related to this application.

Your application may be denied or your discharge may be revoked if you fail to provide testimony, a sworn statement, or documentation upon request, or if you provide testimony, a sworn statement, or documentation that does not support the material representations you made on this application or in any accompanying documents.

SECTION 8: WHERE TO SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION

Return the completed application and any documentation to:
(If no address is shown, return to your loan holder.)

If you need help completing this application, call:
(If no telephone number is shown, call your loan holder.)

SECTION 9: IMPORTANT NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The authorities for collecting the requested information from and about you are §421 et seq. and §451 et seq. of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq. and 20 U.S.C. 1087a 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).

Purpose: The principal purposes for collecting the information on the Loan Discharge Application: False Certification (Disqualifying Status) 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 William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) and/or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) programs, to permit the servicing of your loans, to enforce the conditions or terms of a title IV, HEA obligation, to originate, disburse, service, collect, assign, adjust, transfer, refer, furnish credit information for, and discharge a title IV, HEA obligation, to verify whether a title IV, HEA obligation qualifies for discharge, to determine credit balances to be refunded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to the individual or loan holder, and, if it becomes necessary, to locate you and to collect and report

on your loans if your loans become delinquent or default. We also use your SSN as an account identifier and to permit you to access your account information electronically.

Disclosures: The information provided on the Loan Discharge Application: False Certification (Disqualifying Status) form will only be disclosed outside of the U.S. Department of Education (Department) with prior written consent or as otherwise allowed by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C. 552a). One of the exceptions to the Privacy Act's prior written consent requirement that allows for disclosure, without consent, is for "routine uses" that the Department publishes in our System of Records Notices (SORNs). The Department may disclose, without consent, the information provided on a Loan Discharge Application: False Certification (Disqualifying Status) form, on a case-by-case basis or under a computer matching program, to third parties pursuant to the routine uses identified in the "Common Services for Borrowers (CSB) System" (18-11-16) SORN. This notice is available on the Department's "Privacy Act System of Record Notice Issuances (SORN)" webpage located at <https://www2.ed.gov/notices/ed-pia.html>.

These routine uses included, but are not limited to:

SECTION 9: IMPORTANT NOTICES (CONTINUED)

- To verify the identity of the individual who records indicate has applied for or received title IV, HEA program funds, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial institutions, and their authorized representatives; to Federal, State, Tribal, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; to private parties, such as relatives, business and personal associates, and present and former employers; to creditors; to consumer reporting agencies; to adjudicative bodies; and to the individual whom the records identify as the party obligated to repay the title IV, HEA obligation;
 - To determine program eligibility and benefits, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial institutions, and their authorized representatives; to Federal, State, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; to private parties, such as relatives, business and personal associates, and present and former employers; to creditors; to consumer reporting agencies; and to adjudicative bodies;
 - To enforce the conditions or terms of a title IV, HEA obligation, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial institutions, and their authorized representatives; to Federal, State, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; to private parties, such as relatives, business and personal associates, and present and former employers; to creditors; to consumer reporting agencies; to adjudicative bodies; and to the individual whom the records identify as the party obligated to repay the title IV, HEA obligation;
 - To permit originating, disbursing, servicing, collecting, assigning, adjusting, transferring, referring, furnishing of credit information, or discharging title IV, HEA obligations, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational institutions, or financial institutions that originated, held, serviced, or have been assigned the title IV, HEA obligation, and their authorized representatives; to a party identified by the debtor as willing to advance funds to repay the title IV, HEA obligation; to Federal, State, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; to private parties, such as relatives, business and personal associates, and present and former employers; to creditors; to consumer reporting agencies; and to adjudicative bodies;
 - To investigate possible fraud or abuse or to verify compliance with contractual requirements or Federal, State, local, or Tribal statutory, regulatory, or program requirements, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial institutions, third-party servicers, and their authorized representatives; to Federal, State, Tribal, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; to private parties, such as relatives, present and former employers, and business and personal associates; to creditors; to consumer reporting agencies; and to adjudicative bodies;
 - To locate a delinquent or defaulted borrower, or an individual who owes a title IV, HEA obligation, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies;
 - To verify whether a title IV, HEA obligation qualifies for discharge, disclosures may be made to guaranty agencies, educational and financial institutions, and their authorized representatives; to Federal, State, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; to private parties, such as relatives, present and former employers, and business and personal associates; to creditors; to consumer reporting agencies; and to adjudicative bodies;
 - To prepare a title IV, HEA obligation for litigation, to provide support services for litigation on a title IV, HEA obligation, to litigate a title IV, HEA obligation, or to audit the results of litigation on a title IV, HEA obligation, disclosures may be made to FFEL loan holders or servicers; Department contractors including but not limited to, Federal Loan Servicers, NFP Federal Loan Servicers, the Federal Perkins Servicer, PCAs and to guaranty agencies and their authorized representatives; Federal, State, Tribal, or local agencies, and their authorized representatives; and to adjudicative bodies.
- For additional routine uses, view the “Common Services for Borrowers (CSB) System” (18-11-16) SORN. This notice is available on the Department’s “Privacy Act System of Record Notice Issuances (SORN)” webpage located at <https://www2.ed.gov/notices/ed-pia.html>.
- Consequences of Failure to Provide Information:**
Participating in the Direct Loan Program or the FFEL Program is voluntary, but providing the Department your SSN and requested information is mandatory to participate.
- 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 valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0058. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. The obligation to respond to this collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit (34 CFR 682.402(e)(3), or 685.215(c)).
- If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, **contact your loan holder directly.**