

SECTION 4: 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'. If you are qualifying for this deferment by documenting your eligibility for unemployment benefits, attach the documentation to this form. 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 7.

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS

- **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.
- **Full-time** employment is defined as working at least 30 hours per week in a position expected to last at least three months.
- The **holder** of my FFEL Program loan(s) may be a lender, guaranty agency, secondary market, or the U.S. Department of Education.
- The **United States**, for purpose of this deferment, includes any state of the Union, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Freely Associated States (the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau), and U.S. military bases and embassy compounds in foreign countries.

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA / TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT DEFERMENT

- I may defer (postpone) repayment of my loans while I am unemployed. If my first loans were made **before July 1, 1993**, my maximum cumulative eligibility for Unemployment Deferments is 24 months. If I did not have an outstanding FFEL Program Loan as of the date I obtained a loan **on or after July 1, 1993**, my maximum cumulative eligibility is 36 months.
 - To qualify:
 - (1) I am diligently seeking but unable to find full-time employment in the United States (see definitions in Section 5) in any field or at any salary or responsibility level. I am registered with a public or private employment agency if there is one within 50 miles of my current address. School placement offices and "temporary" agencies do not qualify as public or private employment agencies. Further, if I am requesting an extension of an existing unemployment deferment, I have made at least six diligent attempts to find full-time employment in the most recent six months. (Complete Item (A) in Section 2.)
- OR**
- (2) I am eligible for unemployment benefits, and I have attached documentation of my eligibility for these benefits. The documentation includes my name, address, and social security number, and shows that I am eligible to receive unemployment benefits during the period for which I am requesting deferment. (Complete Item (B) in Section 2.)
- I will provide additional documentation to my loan holder, as required, to support my deferment status.
 - I will notify my loan holder immediately when the condition(s) that qualified me for the deferment ends.
 - My deferment will begin on the date I became unemployed or began working less than 30 hours per week, as shown in Section 2, Item (1), unless I request my deferment to begin on a later date. However, if this is my first unemployment deferment request for my current period of unemployment and I am not providing documentation of my eligibility for unemployment benefits, my deferment will begin no more than 6 months before the date my loan holder receives this request, even if I became unemployed or began working less than 30 hours per week more than 6 months ago.
 - My deferment will end on the earlier of the date that the condition that establishes my deferment eligibility ends or the date on which I exhaust my maximum cumulative eligibility as referred to above.
 - My deferment will last for no more than six months after the date my loan holder receives the deferment request. I must reapply every six months.
 - My loan holder will not grant this deferment request unless all applicable sections of this form are completed and any required additional documentation is provided.
 - 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.
 - If I am eligible for a one-time 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.
 - 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 this forbearance will not be capitalized.

SECTION 7: 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 8: 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 (HEA) of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(2)(A) *et seq.*) and the authorities for collecting and using your Social Security Number (SSN) are §484(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(4)) and 31 U.S.C. 7701(b). 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 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 efficiently to 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.

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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 7.