

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
ENTRANCE INTERVIEW AND STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Federal Perkins Loan Program

A Federal Perkins Loan is a serious legal obligation. A Federal Perkins Loan must be repaid; the proceeds of this loan must be used for educational expenses only. Federal Perkins Loans shall be made only to a student who (a) has financial need, (b) is making satisfactory academic progress and (c) is enrolled at least half-time. The following information is provided to help you further understand the loan program and the responsibilities involved in the acceptance of this obligation.

I. AGGREGATE MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNTS:

- A. \$20,000 for a student who has not yet successfully completed a program of undergraduate study.
- B. \$40,000 for study toward professional or graduate degrees (The \$40,000 includes amounts borrowed for undergraduate study).

II. NOTIFICATION OF STATUS CHANGES:

- A. The Student Loan Office, 3601 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95211, (209) 946-2446, must be notified if any of the following changes occur:
 - 1. Withdrawal from school
 - 2. Transfer to another school
 - 3. Dropping below half-time status (6 units undergraduate, 4 units graduate).
 - 4. Name change (for example: due to marriage)
 - 5. Change in your address, your parents' address(es) or references' address(es)
- B. If you graduate, withdraw or enroll less than half-time at Pacific, you must arrange for an exit interview by calling (209) 946-2446.

III. REPAYMENT TERMS

- A. For old borrowers (an individual who had an outstanding balance on a National Direct Student Loan on July 1, 1987), repayment begins six (6) months after you cease to be enrolled at least half-time at Pacific. For new borrowers (an individual who as of July 1, 1987 had no outstanding principal or interest owing on a National Direct Student Loan), repayment begins nine (9) months after you cease to be enrolled at least half-time at Pacific.
- B. Ten years (10) is the normal maximum repayment period allowed.
- C. Five percent (5%) per annum is the interest rate charged on the unpaid principal balance.
- D. Forty dollars (\$40.00) per month is the minimum repayment amount.
- E. If you have more than one Federal Perkins Loan at the same institution or at two or more different institutions, repayment schedules may be adjusted for a monthly maximum repayment of \$40.00, unless the combined schedules at \$40.00 per month would not pay the loans in ten (10) years.
- F. If you make a payment that is in excess of your regular installment amount, it will be applied to the principal balance of your loan unless you designate it as an advance payment on your next installment.
- G. If payment cannot be made on time, the Student Loan Office must be contacted prior to the payment due date.
- H. The precise terms of repayment are specified in the Promissory Note.
- I. Pacific utilizes a Loan Servicing Company – ECSI. All payments are processed by ECSI. Deferments and cancellations are still processed by the Student Loan Office. Inquiries about your account should be directed to ECSI at www.ECSI.net or the Student Loan Office.

IV. OTHER ENTITLEMENTS:

- A. **Deferment: Deferment is not automatic. You must submit a written request for a deferment form to Pacific. The deferment is subject to approval.**
 - 1. Enrollment and in attendance as a regular student in at least a half-time course of study at an eligible institution;
 - 2. Enrollment and in attendance as a regular student in a course of study that is part of a graduate fellowship program approved by the Secretary;
 - 3. Engaged in graduate or post-graduate fellowship study (such as a Fulbright Grant) outside the United States or;
 - 4. Enrollment and in attendance in a course of study that is part of a rehabilitation training program for disabled individuals approved by the Department; or engaged in public service that qualifies me to have part or all of my loan cancelled.
 - 5. For a period not to exceed three (3) years during which:

- a. I am seeking and unable to find full-time employment or;
 - b. For a period not to exceed three years, for up to one year at a time, during which I am experiencing an economic hardship as determined by the School.
 - c. For any reason that the Institution determines has caused or will cause me to have an economic hardship.
 - d. For loans made prior to July 1, 1993, principal and interest that becomes due and payable during any of the following periods need not be paid.
 - e. I may qualify for an economic hardship deferment for my Federal Perkins Loan if I provide my school with documentation showing that I have been granted such a deferment under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan program for the period of time for which I am requesting an economic hardship deferment for my Federal Perkins Loan.
1. Enrollment as at least a half-time student at an institution of higher education
 2. For a period not in excess of three (3) years while:
 - a. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces on full-time active duty.
 - b. Effective July 1, 2001, for a period not to exceed three years during which 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.
 - c. An officer in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.
 - d. A Peace Corps volunteer.
 - e. A VISTA volunteer under Title I-part A of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act.
 - f. A full-time volunteer in a tax exempt organization performing services comparable to services performed by Peace Corps or ACTION.
 - g. Temporarily totally disabled.
 - h. Unable to secure employment because you are providing care required by a spouse who is disabled.
 3. For a period not to exceed two (2) years during which time you are serving an internship which is required in order that you may receive the professional recognition necessary to begin your professional practice or service.
 4. An additional grace period will be granted after the completion of any period of deferment described above.
 5. The institution may defer payments under extraordinary circumstances.
 6. For new borrowers (see IIIA), the following additional deferments are available:
 - a. Active duty in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (not in excess of three [3] years).
 - b. Parental leave for an unemployed borrower who interrupts a period of school deferment due to pregnancy, care of a newborn child or care of adopted child (not in excess of six [6] months).
 - c. A mother with preschool age children who is just entering or reentering the workforce and is compensated at a rate not to exceed \$1.00 in excess of the rate prescribed by section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act (not in excess of twelve [12] months).
- B. Cancellation: Cancellation is not automatic. You must submit a written request for a cancellation form to Pacific. The cancellation is subject to approval.**
1. Full-time teaching in an approved elementary or secondary school serving low-income students.
 2. Full-time teaching of the handicapped in a public or other non-profit elementary or secondary school system.
 3. Full-time staff member in a "Head Start" program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 for a full academic year.
 4. Military service in an area that qualifies for special pay under Section 310 of Title 37 of the U.S. Code.
 5. Death or permanent disability.
 6. For new borrowers (see IIIA), full-time service under the Peace Corps or the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (VISTA).
 7. For loans made on or after November 29, 1990, full-time law enforcement officer or corrections for a local, state or federal agency.
 8. For loans made on or after July 23, 1992:
 - a. Full-time special education teacher, including teacher of infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities in a public or other non-profit elementary or secondary school system.
 - b. Full-time qualified professional provider of early intervention services in a public or other non-profit program under public supervision.
 - c. Full-time teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education or any other field of expertise that is determined by the State Education Agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers.
 - d. Full-time nurse or medical technician.
 - e. Full-time employee of a public or private non-profit child or family service agency who is providing or supervising the provision of services to high-risk children and their families from low-income communities.

V. CREDIT BUREAU REPORTING

- A. The disbursement of a loan will be reported to a credit bureau.
- B. Default on a loan will be reported to a credit bureau.

VI. LOAN DEFAULT

- A. Default is defined as a failure to make an installment payment when due or to comply with other terms of the promissory note.
- B. Defaulting on a loan may result in the total loan becoming due and payable immediately (i.e., accelerated), the loan being sent to a collection agency, ineligibility for further financial aid, and withdrawal of campus services. If your loan is still in default, suit will be brought against you, and finally the loan will be assigned to the Federal Government for collection which may inform credit bureau organizations of the default.

VII. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- A. Pacific may contact any educational institution which you may attend or have attended to obtain information concerning your student status, dates of attendance, graduation, withdrawal, transfer to another school and your current address.
- B. Pacific may advise other colleges and universities of your loan repayment status.
- C. You have a right to review your file unless access is exempted by law.

VIII. LOAN CONSOLIDATION

- A. Loan consolidation allows existing student loans to be repaid by a consolidation lender and a new loan made.
- B. The Federal Perkins loan may be included in a consolidation loan.
- C. For more information regarding loan consolidation, please contact the Student Loan Office or refer to the Student Loan Handbook, normally provided at the Exit Interview.

I CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACCEPTING A FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN, AS STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT. THE CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLETION OF THIS FORM WILL BE TO STOP DISBURSEMENT OF THE FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN.

Print Name (Last, First, Middle)

Date

Signature

Social Security Number

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE STUDENT LOAN OFFICE.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of my Master Promissory Note and the Rights and Responsibilities pertaining to my Perkins Loan.

Student Signature

Date