

Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) Income-Based Repayment Plan Application

Use this form for initial determination of your eligibility to repay eligible FFELP loans under the Income-Based Repayment (IBR) plan or for the required annual reevaluation of eligibility to pay under the IBR plan.

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SECTION 1: BORROWER INFORMATION

Please enter or correct the following information.

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone - Home () _____

Telephone - Other () _____

E-mail Address (Optional) _____

SECTION 2: INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Before answering any questions, carefully read the entire form, including the instructions and other information in Sections 6, 7, and 8.

The IBR plan is available for FFELP loans except a loan that is in default, a Federal PLUS Loan made to a parent borrower, or a Federal Consolidation Loan that repaid a Federal PLUS Loan or Federal Direct PLUS Loan made to a parent borrower. To initially qualify for the IBR plan, you must have a partial financial hardship. You are considered to have a partial financial hardship if the annual amount due on all of your eligible loans exceeds 15 percent of the difference between your adjusted gross income (AGI) as shown on your federal income tax return and 150 percent of the poverty line amount for your family size. The annual amount due is calculated as of the time you initially entered repayment using a standard repayment plan with a 10-year repayment period. If you are married and you and your spouse file a joint tax return, your AGI includes your spouse's income. You must provide your loan holder with a consent to the disclosure of certain federal tax return information by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in order for your loan holder to determine your eligibility for the IBR plan. If your AGI is not available from the IRS or does not reasonably reflect your current income, your loan holder may require you to provide alternative documentation of your income that will be used to determine your IBR plan eligibility and payment amount.

To be considered for the IBR plan, you must provide the holder of the eligible FFELP loans you wish to repay under the IBR plan with the following:

- Your consent for the IRS to disclose your AGI and certain other federal tax return information. (See the enclosed Form 4506-T.)
- Certification of your family size. (See Section 3.)
- Information on loans you have that are eligible for the IBR plan. (See Section 4.)
- Additional documentation your loan holder may require.

If you have eligible loans held by two or more loan holders and want to repay them under the IBR plan, you must request the IBR plan from each holder.

Following your completion of this form and Form 4506-T, submit them promptly; the IRS will not accept a document if more than 60 days have passed since it was signed. Your application for the IBR plan will be processed for all of your eligible loans with the loan holder unless you notify your loan holder otherwise. Contact your loan holder regarding forbearance if you need payment relief while your application for the IBR plan is processed.

SECTION 3: FAMILY SIZE

Enter your family size number on the line below. Your family size includes you, your spouse, and your children (including unborn children who will be born during the year for which you certify your family size), if they will receive more than half their support from you. It includes other people only if they live with you now, they receive more than half their support from you now, and they will continue to receive this support from you for the year that you certify your family size. Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, and payment of college costs.

Family Size _____ Note: If you fail to certify your family size, your loan holder will assume a family size of one.

SECTION 4: OTHER ELIGIBLE FFELP AND DIRECT LOANS

Enter below your other loans eligible for the IBR plan, both FFELP loans that are held by another holder and Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct) loans held by the U.S. Department of Education. Information on these loans is needed to determine your eligibility for and the appropriate monthly payment amount for the loans in the IBR plan you are requesting or renewing when you submit this form. List each loan on a separate line and provide the information in each column. Information you need to provide the required information is available in your loan documents, such as the last monthly billing statement you received or your coupon book, or on the Internet site of your loan holder or servicer or the National Student Loan Data System (www.nslds.ed.gov). To complete column "f", refer to the initial repayment disclosure you received when you first entered repayment or contact your loan holder or servicer.

- a - Enter "FFELP" or "Direct" to indicate the loan program.
- b - Enter the type of loan as "Stafford", "Grad PLUS", "SLS", "ALAS", "FISL", or "Consolidation". Note: Do not include any PLUS loan made to a parent borrower or Consolidation loan that repaid a parent PLUS loan.
- c - Enter the name of the loan holder.
- d - Enter your loan account number with the holder for the loan.
- e - Enter the estimated outstanding balance of the loan.
- f - Enter your initial standard monthly payment. (See Section 7.)

If there is insufficient space below to enter all of your other FFELP and Direct loans eligible for the IBR plan, write the required information for additional loans on a separate page and attach it when you submit this form.

a Loan Program FFELP or Direct	b Loan Type	c Loan Holder	d Loan Account Number	e Estimated Outstanding Balance	f Initial Standard Monthly Payment

SECTION 5: BORROWER REQUEST, AUTHORIZATION, CERTIFICATION AND FORBEARANCE NOTIFICATION

I request to repay under the IBR plan my eligible FFELP loans held by the holder to which I submit this application and other required documentation.

I authorize the school, the lender, the guarantor, the Department, and their respective agents and contractors to contact me regarding my loan request(s) or my loan(s), including repayment of my loan(s), at the current or any future number that I provide for my cellular telephone or other wireless device using automated telephone dialing equipment or artificial or prerecorded voice or text messages.

I certify that the information I have provided on this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is made in good faith.

I agree a forbearance may be granted with respect to payments of interest and principal that are overdue or would be due at the time I enter the IBR plan.

Borrower Signature _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____

SECTION 6: INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print using dark ink. 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 9.

SECTION 7: DEFINITIONS

- **Capitalization** is the addition of unpaid interest to the principal balance of your loan. This will increase the principal and the total cost of your loan.
- 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. You are responsible for paying the interest that accrues on your loan(s) during a forbearance. If you do not pay the interest that accrues, the interest may be capitalized.
- The **holder** of your FFEL Program loan(s) may be a lender or secondary market.
- **Income-based repayment** is a repayment plan with payments based on income and family size. Features of the IBR plan include:
 - To qualify you must demonstrate you have a **partial financial hardship** which means the annual amount due on all of your eligible loans exceeds 15 percent of the difference between your adjusted gross income (AGI) as shown on your federal income tax return and the poverty line income amount for your family size. The annual amount due is calculated as of the time you initially entered repayment using a standard repayment plan with a 10-year repayment period. Your AGI includes your spouse's income if you are married and you and your spouse file a joint federal income tax return.
 - When you have a partial financial hardship, your monthly payment will not exceed one-twelfth of 15% of the amount your AGI exceeds 150% of the poverty line income amount for your family size.
 - Your payment amount for the IBR plan will be evaluated and established each year. After entry into the IBR plan, you must annually provide documentation if you want a payment based on your having a partial financial hardship.
 - For any year you do not have a partial financial hardship, your payment amount will be the payment amount for your loan(s) under the standard repayment plan at the time you initially entered the IBR plan, based on a 10-year repayment period.
 - In some circumstances your payment amount may not cover all interest that accrues, and your debt may increase. The federal government will pay unpaid interest on your subsidized Stafford loan(s) for the first 3 consecutive years of your IBR plan repayment period.
 - Accrued interest is capitalized at the time you choose to leave the IBR plan or no longer have a partial financial hardship.
 - If after 300 months of qualifying payments and/or use of economic hardship deferment, your loan(s) is not repaid in full, any remaining debt will be submitted for forgiveness.
- **Initial standard monthly payment** is what your monthly payment would have been under a standard, 10-year payment schedule, based on the outstanding balance when you first entered repayment. You can obtain this amount from the repayment disclosure you received at that time in most circumstances. Otherwise, you may need to contact your loan holder to obtain this information.
- **Loans eligible for the IBR plan** are FFELP loans except a loan that is in default, a Federal PLUS Loan made to a parent borrower, or a Federal Consolidation Loan that repaid a Federal PLUS Loan or Federal Direct PLUS Loan made to a parent borrower.
- **Loans ineligible for the IBR plan** include a FFELP loan in default, a Federal PLUS Loan made to a parent borrower, a Federal Consolidation Loan that repaid a Federal PLUS Loan or Federal Direct PLUS Loan made to a parent borrower, a Federal Perkins Loan, a HEAL loan, and any private education loan.

SECTION 8: HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

You can visit an IBR plan calculator available at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/IBRPlan.jsp> to enter your debt and income information and receive an evaluation of your eligibility for the IBR plan and an estimate of your IBR plan payment amount. The calculator is for informational purposes only; your loan holder will make the official determination of your eligibility and payment amount based on your application and other required documentation.

SECTION 9: WHERE TO SEND THE COMPLETED INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT APPLICATION

Return the completed IBR application and any required documentation to:

If you need help completing this form, call:

New Mexico Student Loans
PO Box 27020
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7020

Local calling area (505) 761-2000 or
Outside of calling area 1(800)279-5063 Ext 1472