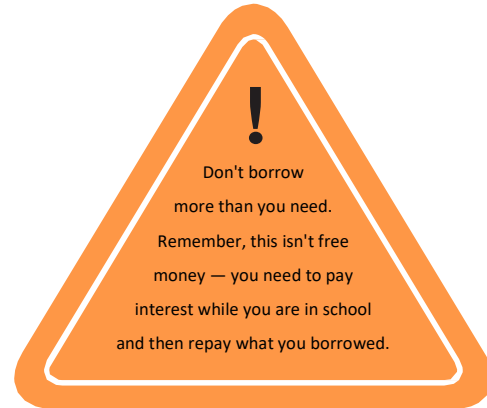


Application & Promissory Note



The Application Process:

1. Apply for and have your eligibility determined for other sources of financial aid, including federal and state grants.
2. Read the Application & Solicitation Disclosure before applying for the SELF Loan.
3. You can either complete the SELF Loan counseling included in this packet or you can go online to complete it at www.selfloan.state.mn.us.
4. Complete the **Borrower's Section** of the SELF Loan Application & Promissory Note. If all information is not completed, it will be returned to you and processing will be delayed.
5. You must provide a credit worthy Co-signer, regardless of your age, marital status, or whether or not you are determined to be self-supporting for financial aid. Program rules require the Co-signer to be at least 24 years old or 18 years old if a sibling (i.e., a brother or sister) and either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident with a valid Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.) Alien Registration Number.

A credit-worthy Co-signer is one who has no account balances discharged through bankruptcy; no garnishments, attachments, foreclosure, repossession or suit; no more than \$300 combined total in unsatisfied credit or unsatisfied payment obligations; or no more than five percent of credit bureau balances past due.

Have your Co-signer complete the **Co-signer's Section** of the Application. This person must pass a credit check, and will be responsible with you for payment of your loan.

6. Complete the **Self-certification Form**. For information on your cost of attendance and estimated financial assistance please contact your school. This form must be returned with your application.

7. The Office of Higher Education will perform a credit check on your Co-signer, process the Application, and determine the amount of the loan to be made.

If the loan is approved, a Loan Approval Disclosure Form will be sent to you. You must accept the loan through one of the methods listed on the form.

8. Return the following fully completed items to the Office of Higher Education by mail.
 - Application & Promissory Note
 - Application Self-Certification
 - Counseling Acknowledgement

Mailing address: Office of Higher Education
P.O. Box 64449
St. Paul, MN 55164-0449

9. Visit www.selfloan.state.mn.us to check on the status of your loan.

Notices to Borrower and Co-signer:

- There are two SELF Loan interest rate options to select from:
 - Fixed Rate** – interest rate does not change during the term of the loan.
 - Variable Rate** – interest rate is subject to change throughout the life of the loan. The Application & Promissory Note and Solicitation Disclosure explain how the variable interest rate is determined and when it may change.
- The Minnesota Office of Higher Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its program or activities.
- The SELF Loan Application can be made in available in an alternative format to people with disabilities upon request.

What Every Borrower and Co-signer Should Know

- 1. SELF Loans are not federal loans, and cannot be included in a federal loan consolidation.**
2. Eligibility for repayment of SELF Loans under any student loan repayment program, such as a military program or AmeriCorps, is based on the criteria established by those programs for repayment of non-federal student loans.
3. If you are in active military service, you need to provide the servicer with a copy of your military orders in order to be eligible for any interest rate reductions or other benefits associated with your active military service.
4. If you selected the fixed rate option, the interest rate will not change after the terms of the disclosure have been accepted. The variable interest rate can change each calendar quarter (January, April, July and October) throughout the life of the loan. You must pay interest on the SELF Loan while in school. There are no guarantee, processing or application fees.
5. Eligibility is based on the school's cost of attendance, minus any other financial aid you have received or are expected to receive.
6. **Borrow only what you need to pay for your education. Remember, you need to pay interest while you are in school and the balance of the loan later.** The amount you may borrow depends on the type of program you are enrolled in. The minimum loan is \$500.
 - Short programs less than an academic year (typically eight or nine months or at least 900 clock hours): - Individual loans up to \$3,500 with a cumulative maximum of \$7,500 for all short programs.
 - Academic year programs which are not bachelor's degrees, post-baccalaureate, or graduate: - Individual loans up to \$10,000 with cumulative maximums of:

Grade Level 1	\$10,000
Grade Level 2	\$20,000
Grade Level 3	\$30,000
 - Bachelor's degree, post-baccalaureate, or graduate programs: - Individual loans up to \$20,000 with cumulative maximums of:

Grade Level 1	\$20,000
Grade Level 2	\$40,000
Grade Level 3	\$60,000
Grade Level 4	\$80,000
Grade Level 5	\$100,000
Grade Level 6-9	\$120,000
7. Not all postsecondary institutions are Eligible Schools with the SELF Program. An Eligible School is a school that has signed a contract to participate in the SELF Program. If you re-enroll or transfer to a postsecondary institution that is NOT an Eligible School, you will NOT qualify for In-School status for this loan.
8. **There are no deferments. You must pay interest while in school.** You will receive your first bill within 90 days of disbursement. Please refer to #3 of the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms for specific requirements.
9. If you leave school or reduce your enrollment, funds cannot be disbursed to you even if you owe the school money.
10. SELF Loans are serviced by a Servicer. A Servicer schedules and disburses your loan, sends your bills, keeps track of your loan payments and your current loan status. You are required to notify the Servicer whenever your name, phone number, address, graduation date, or enrollment status changes. Paying is your responsibility. If it is time to make a payment and you have not received a bill, you still must pay. Notify the Servicer immediately if you are not getting your bills. See www.selfloan.state.mn.us for phone numbers to contact the Servicer. For a copy of the SELF Servicing Appeals Process, write to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.
11. If while in the In-School or Transition Periods you transfer schools, or pursue a graduate-level degree at another institution, you may be eligible to continue in the In-School Period as long as the Servicer is notified, your Transition Period has not ended, you have not entered a mandatory repayment period, and the new school is a member of the SELF Program. You may NOT have any remaining scheduled disbursements sent to the new school. Any remaining scheduled disbursements will be cancelled and you may apply for another loan at the new school.
12. If you miss a scheduled loan payment, you are "delinquent". If you fail to meet any of the conditions of the promissory note, you may be in "default". If you default, the following will happen:
 - a) The loan may become immediately due and payable in full.
 - b) The default will be reported to the credit bureaus.
 - c) Your and your Co-signer's Minnesota tax refunds, rebates or lottery winnings will be intercepted and used to repay your debt.
 - d) You and your Co-signer could be sued in court to pay your debt. If a judgment is obtained, you and your Co-signer could have your wages garnished.
 - e) You will be responsible for any costs of collecting your debt, including all attorney's fees.
 - f) Any disbursements not yet made will be cancelled, and you will not be allowed to borrow in the future.
13. If you find you need additional money after you submit your application, you may submit another SELF Loan application if (A) you request at least \$500, (B) time remains to process the application, and (C) you have not already exceeded the borrowing limits.

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Loan Interest Rate & Fees

The fixed interest rate is:

4.85%

Your Starting Interest Rate (upon approval)

The starting interest rate you pay is not dependent on your credit score or other factors.

Your Interest Rate during the life of the loan**Your rate is fixed.** This means that your rate will not change over the life of your loan.The **maximum interest rate** for this loan is 4.85%.**Loan Fees****Late Charge:** Up to \$20 for payments not made within 15 days of the due date. **Returned Payment charge:** \$5.00**Loan Cost Examples**

The total amount you will pay for this loan will vary depending upon when you start to repay it, the aggregate balance of your loans and your repayment period. This example provides estimates based upon the option available to you while enrolled in a participating SELF school at least half-time.

Repayment Option (while enrolled in a participating SELF school at least half-time.)	Amount Provided (amount provided directly to your school)	Interest Rate (highest possible starting rate)	Loan Term (how long you have to pay off the principal amount of your loan)	Total Paid over 14 years (4 years In-school, 1 year Transition and 9 years Repayment) (includes associated fees)
PAY ONLY THE INTEREST Make interest payments but defer payments on the principal amount while enrolled in school.	\$10,000.00	4.85%	9 years starting <u>after</u> the 1-year Transition Period ends	\$ 14,788.28

About this example

This example is based on required quarterly interest payments during the In-School Period and monthly interest payments during a one-year Transition Period after the In-School Period ends. The nine-year Repayment Period begins after the one-year Transition Period ends. This example assumes you are in school for four years, have a one-year Transition Period before beginning the Repayment Period and you have up to 10 years (including the Transition Period) from when you leave school to repay the loan. You may have an option to select up to two more years of interest-only payments without extending your payment term. If balances on all your SELF Loans are \$20,000 up to \$40,000 you may have up to 15 years (including the Transition Period) after you leave school to repay the loans. If balances on all your SELF Loans are \$40,000 or greater, you may have up to 20 years (including the Transition Period) after you leave school to repay the loans. These options may cause the interest you pay to be different than the example shown.

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Federal Loan Alternatives

Loan Program	Current Interest Rates by Program Type
Direct STAFFORD for Students	3.73% fixed Undergraduate Subsidized and Unsubsidized
	5.28% fixed Graduate and Professional Unsubsidized
Direct PLUS for Parents of undergraduates and Graduate / Professional Students	6.28% fixed

You may qualify for Federal education loans.

For additional information, **contact your school's financial aid office or the Department of Education at:**

www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov

Next Steps

1. Find Out About Other Loan Options.

Some schools have school-specific student loan benefits and terms not detailed on this form. Contact your school's financial aid office or visit the Department of Education's website at www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov for more information about other loans.

2. To Apply for this Loan, Complete the Application and the Self-Certification Form.

You may get the certification form from your school's financial aid office, or complete it online as part of the application process. If you are approved for this loan, the loan terms will be available for 30 days (terms will not change during this period, except as permitted by law and the variable interest rate may change based on the market).

REFERENCE NOTES

Fixed Interest Rate

This loan has a fixed interest rate.

Bankruptcy Limitations

If you file for bankruptcy you may still be required to pay back this loan.

Prepayments

There is no penalty for early repayment of the loan.

Eligibility Criteria

Borrower

- Enrolled at an eligible school at least half-time
- A Minnesota resident if attending a non-Minnesota school
- Making satisfactory progress
- Not in default of any student loan or delinquent on any existing SELF Loan

Co-signer

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- At least 24 years old or 18 years old if a sibling of the borrower
- Credit worthy

Repayment Options

Your actual Repayment Period will be determined based on the aggregate loan amounts of your SELF Loans based on the criteria below:

- Aggregate loan amounts of less than \$20,000 have a maximum Repayment Period of 10 years after the In-School Period ends.
- Aggregate loan amounts of \$20,000 up to \$40,000 have a maximum Repayment Period of 15 years after the In-School Period ends.
- Aggregate loan balances of \$40,000 or more have a maximum Repayment Period of 20 years after the In-School Period ends.

Loans are required to enter principal repayment no later than nine years after the first disbursement. You may select to have up to two additional years of interest only payments if you have not entered a required Repayment Period; however, your maximum Repayment Period will not be extended.

At the time you enter the Repayment Period, the payment amount of this loan may change if you currently or previously had other SELF Loans outstanding. During the Repayment Period, the minimum total monthly payment on your SELF Loan accounts will be at least \$50. The minimum monthly payment will be larger if necessary to repay the loans within the Repayment Period.

Your actual Finance Charge may be greater or less than the amount listed on this disclosure depending upon when your loan enters repayment, the aggregate loan amounts, the required minimum monthly payment, interest rate changes in your variable rate loans, and other factors.

Refer to the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms for additional terms and conditions.

Students Attending an Institution of Higher Education in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Private education loans are one tool that students use to finance their education. Your lender and your institution's Financial Aid Office provide assistance with eligibility for the loans. For borrowers who have existing private education loans, Virginia has a Student Loan Advocate to assist borrowers who are struggling with repayment. You can contact the Student Loan Advocate at: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, James Monroe Building, 10th Floor, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219; studentloan@schev.edu; 804-786-2832. In addition, resources for prospective and current private education loan borrowers are available online at schev.edu/privateloan.

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Loan Interest Rate & Fees

The **starting interest rate** through
 March 31, 2022

2.20%

The current interest rate is available at
www.selfloan.state.mn.us. After the starting
 rate is set, your rate will then vary with the
 market.

Your Starting Interest Rate (upon approval)

The starting interest rate you pay is not dependent on your credit score or other factors. All SELF V variable rate loans are charged the same interest rate.

Your Interest Rate during the life of the loan

Your rate is variable. This means that your rate could move lower or higher than the rate on this form. There is a limitation that the interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 3% over any four consecutive calendar quarters. The variable rate is based upon the LIBOR Rate (as published in the Wall Street Journal). For more information on this rate, see the reference notes.

There is no **maximum interest rate**; however, there is a limitation that the interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 3% over any four consecutive calendar quarters.

Loan Fees

Late Charge: Up to \$20 for payments not made within 15 days of the due date. **Returned Payment charge:** \$5.00

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PAY ONLY THE INTEREST Make interest payments but defer payments on the principal amount while enrolled in school.	\$10,000.00	2.20%	9 years starting <u>after</u> the 1-year Transition Period ends	\$12,132.74

About this example

This example is based on required quarterly interest payments during the In-School Period and monthly interest payments during a one-year Transition Period after the In-School Period ends. The nine-year Repayment Period begins after the one-year Transition Period ends. This example assumes you are in school for four years, have a one-year Transition Period before beginning the Repayment Period and you have up to 10 years (including the Transition Period) from when you leave school to repay the loan. You may have an option to select up to two more years of interest-only payments without extending your payment term. If balances on all your SELF Loans are \$20,000 up to \$40,000 you may have up to 15 years (including the Transition Period) after you leave school to repay the loans. If balances on all your SELF Loans are \$40,000 or greater, you may have up to 20 years (including the Transition Period) after you leave school to repay the loans. These options may cause the interest you pay to be different than the example shown.

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REFERENCE NOTES

Variable Interest Rate

- Your loan has a variable Interest Rate that is based on a publicly available index, the LIBOR Rate. Your rate is calculated each quarter by adding a Margin to the Index. The Margin is determined by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education each quarter and may increase or decrease.
- If the LIBOR Rate and/or the Margin increases or decreases the Interest Rate you pay may increase or decrease from the current rate.
- There is a limitation that the interest rate cannot increase or decrease more than 3% over any four consecutive calendar quarters.

Bankruptcy Limitations

If you file for bankruptcy you may still be required to pay back this loan.

Prepayments

There is no penalty for early repayment of the loan.

Eligibility Criteria

Borrower

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Co-signer

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SELF Loan Counseling

Let's Begin

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education, a state agency, is the only lender for SELF Loans.

The SELF Loan is not a federal loan, but rather a state loan, unique to Minnesota. Taking on student loan debt is a big responsibility. Make sure you fully understand your responsibilities before applying for the SELF Loan or any other student loan.

Key Points You Need to Know:

- Before borrowing see if you qualify for federal or state grants.
- Federal loans may be more beneficial for you.
- Borrow only what you need. Remember, this isn't free money.
- You need to pay interest while you are in school and then repay what you borrowed.
- Co-signers are required to make payments if you don't.
- There are no deferments. Forbearance and repayment options are extremely limited.

What Should I do Before Applying for the SELF Loan?

Check Out Your Grant Options

Finance your education with free money first. You don't have to repay grants, scholarships, or work-study. You are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine whether you qualify for federal or state grants unless you are a graduate student or attending a school that does not participate in federal or state grant programs.

Check Out Your Federal Loan Options

Before you apply for the SELF Loan make sure you look into any federal education loans at www.studentaid.ed.gov you may be eligible for. You should understand these benefits of federal loans:

- No interest payments required during school for subsidized federal loans
- Low fixed interest rates
- Deferments
- Forbearances
- Loan forgiveness
- Various repayment plans (including income-based)

Many of these benefits are unavailable for the SELF Loan.

Borrow Only What You Need

Finally, borrow as a last resort and only borrow what you need. You don't have to borrow the maximum amount you are eligible for. Using savings and earnings can reduce the amount you need to borrow.

What are the Costs for a SELF Loan?

The SELF Loan is money that needs to be paid back to the lender, the Office of Higher Education. It's not a scholarship or grant. In addition to paying back the loan you also need to pay interest in order to use the money. Your interest rate will depend on whether you choose the fixed- or variable-rate SELF Loan. The variable interest rate can change quarterly (every three months) and can increase or decrease but it will not change more than 3% during any 12 month period.

What are the Repayment Requirements for the SELF Loan?

The SELF Loan was designed to make repayment manageable by dividing it into three periods:

- In-School Period
- Transition Period
- Repayment Period

You must start repaying your SELF Loan no later than nine years from when you received the money even if you are still in school or a Transition Period.

The In-School Period

In the In-School Period, you are required to make quarterly interest payments. The In-School Period begins when you receive the money and continues as long as you're enrolled at least half-time in a qualifying school and aren't in a mandatory Repayment Period. You can remain in the "In-School" status if you transfer to a qualifying school.

If you return to a qualifying school at least half-time within three years after you leave school or within three years after your enrollment drops below half-time, your loan may be returned to the In-School status. You will need to contact the loan servicer, Firstmark Services to see if you are able to return to In-School status.

The Transition Period

In the Transition Period you are required to make monthly interest payments. The 12-month transition period begins:

- upon graduation,
- if your enrollment drops to below half-time, or
- if you transfer to a school that doesn't qualify.

The Repayment Period

In the Repayment Period you are required to make monthly payments of principal and interest. The Repayment Period starts at the end of the 12-month Transition Period or nine years after you took out the loan whichever is earlier.

You have two repayment options:

- The Standard Plan requires monthly payment of principal and interest starting 13 months after you leave school or attend less than half-time.
- The Extended-Interest Plan allows you to continue with two more years of monthly interest payments before starting to repay the amount you borrowed. While the Extended-Interest Plan extends the transition period, it shortens the repayment period by two years. This means your payments may be larger when you start repaying your loan.

How long you have to pay off the loan depends on how much you borrow from the SELF program. You have up to 10 years to repay your loan if you borrowed less than \$20,000. If you borrowed between \$20,000 and \$40,000, you have 15 years. For \$40,000 or more, 20 years. The minimum payment is \$50 a month.

What do I Need to Know about Repaying the SELF Loan?

You are responsible for repaying your SELF Loan even if you don't complete your educational program, aren't satisfied with your education, or are unable to find a job. Your co-signer is responsible for making payments if you are unable to do so or do not make them.

- You need to pay interest every three months while you are in school starting within 90 days from when you receive the money.
- You must start repaying your SELF Loan no later than nine years from when you received the money.
- There are no grace periods or deferment options.
- SELF Loans cannot be included in a federal government loan consolidation.
- There is no penalty for early payment.
- You and your co-signer will have consequences if the loan is past due or defaults.
- There is no co-signer release or changing of co-signers.

What happens if I change schools or enroll in a graduate program?

If you transfer to another school or go to graduate school, you can make interest only payments if:

- return to school within three years from the end of the In-School Period;
- have not entered a required repayment period;
- are enrolled at least half-time; and
- the new school is qualified. View a list of schools participating in the SELF program on our website.

Can I capitalize my SELF interest instead of making quarterly payments?

The SELF Loan does not allow you to add your in-school interest onto your loan balance like some other student loan programs do.

There are benefits of paying interest while in school:

- the overall amount of interest you pay will be less and
- quarterly bills keep you aware of your loan balance and the interest cost of your loan.

Who is the Loan Servicer for SELF Loans?

Firstmark Services is the loan servicer for the SELF Loan. Firstmark will send money to your school, send you bills, record your payments, and contact you and your co-signer if payments are not made. You and your co-signer must contact Firstmark Services for any name, mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number changes.

What Happens If I Don't Make My SELF Loan Payments When I am in School?

- Any scheduled loan disbursements to your school will be cancelled if you aren't making your required SELF Loan payments.
- You may not be able to register for classes if you have outstanding bills to the school as a result of your disbursement being cancelled.
- Your loan can default while you are in school if you don't make your payments.
- If you default on your SELF Loan, your Minnesota State Grant funds can be withheld.

What Happens If I Default?

If you or your co-signer are delinquent on any SELF Loan payment beyond 120 days or if you have failed to meet any of the other conditions, the loan will default. Filing for bankruptcy can put you in default. In most cases, student loans are not discharged by filing bankruptcy.

If your loan should default, the Office of Higher Education can take the following actions:

- Report the default to the credit bureau
- Take money out of your paycheck
- Take money out of your bank account
- Get a court judgment against you
- Take your Minnesota tax refund
- Turn your loan over to a collection agency with collection fees added to the balance
- Hold or cancel your Minnesota State Grant

Defaulting on your SELF Loan can make it difficult for you or your co-signer to borrow money to purchase a car, a home, or even obtain a credit card. Many employers look at credit reports to evaluate the integrity of prospective employees.

In order to make sure you understand the key points please acknowledge you have read the above information by completing the signature page included in this packet and return it to the Office of Higher Education.

How to Complete the SELF Loan Application and Promissory Note

General Instructions:

The numbered boxes on the Application correspond to the numbered instructions below.

Warning: Giving false information to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education on this form may lead to criminal prosecution.

Print with a blue or black ball point pen. The Application will not be processed if a pencil is used.

Fill in every item. This Application will not be processed if items are left blank. When finished, examine each copy to ensure responses can be read on each page.

Borrower's (Student's) Section:

1. Print your last name, first name, middle initial, and suffix (Sr., Jr., III, etc.), if applicable. Use full, legal name and no nicknames. Print your Billing Address. This is an address considered to be reliable and consistent for billing purposes. Include street name and number, apartment number, RFD, General Delivery or P.O. Box, city, state, and zip code that is part of the mailing address.
Note: *Dormitory and other such temporary addresses, as well as addresses outside the United States and its possessions, are NOT acceptable.*
2. Print your Social Security number.
3. Using two-digit numbers, print your birth date. (For example, January 6, 1996 would be written 01/06/96.)
4. Print your area code and telephone number
5. Print the two-digit abbreviation for the state where you are a permanent resident. Print the year you started living in that state.
Note: *To use a SELF Loan at an eligible school outside the state of Minnesota, you must be a Minnesota resident.*
6. Print the begin and end dates of the loan period you want the loan to cover. (For example, September 5, 2018 to June 25, 2019 would be written 09/05/18 – 06/25/19.)
7. Print the total loan amount requested. The minimum SELF Loan is \$500. Refer to #6 under “What Every Borrower and Co-signer Should Know” for SELF Loan limits.
8. Select the interest rate option you would like – only select one option.
Note: *You cannot change the SELF Loan Amount Requested or the Interest Rate selected. If you need to change either one of the boxes, a new application must be completed.*
9. Print your driver's license number, including the two-letter abbreviation for the state of issuance. If no driver's license, enter N/A.
10. Please provide your e-mail address.
11. Sign your legal name, including first name, middle initial, last name, and suffix, if applicable. By signing, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to the provisions in the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms, Borrower's Certification, and you agree to repay the loan in full.
Note: *If you fail to sign and date the form, your Application will be returned to you and processing will be delayed.*
14. Print the name of the school you are attending.
15. Print the USDE Vendor Number of your school. If you do not know the number you can contact your school or locate it at <http://www.selfloan.state.mn.us/selfSchools.cfm>.
16. Print your anticipated graduation date for your degree or program. (For example, June 25, 2019 would be written 06/25/19.)

Notice to Co-signer:

You are being asked to guarantee this debt. If the Borrower does not pay this debt, you will have to pay it. You may have to pay up to the full amount of the debt, including late fees and collection costs, which increase this amount.

The lender can collect this debt from you without first trying to collect from the Borrower. The lender can use the same collection methods against you that can be used against the Borrower, such as suing you, and garnishing your wages. If this debt defaults, that will become a part of your credit record.

Co-signer's Section:

Please do not co-sign this loan if you are not willing or able to repay this debt in the event that the Borrower does not.

- 12a. Print the Co-signer's last name, first name, middle initial, and suffix (Sr., Jr., III, etc.), if applicable. Use full, legal name and no nicknames.
Print the Co-signer's permanent address. Include street name and number, any apartment number, RFD, General Delivery or P.O. Box, city, state, and zip code that is part of the mailing address. The Co-signer's address must be located in the U.S. or its possessions.
- 12b. Print the Co-signer's Social Security number.
- 12c. Using two-digit numbers, print the Co-signer's birth date. For example, February 10, 1970 would be written 02/10/70.
- 12d. Print area code and telephone number of the Co-signer.
- 12e. Indicate if the Co-signer is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. If a permanent resident, please print Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.) Alien Registration Number.
- 12f. Indicate the Co-signer's relationship to the Borrower.
- 12g. Please provide your e-mail address.
13. Locate a Notary Public. The Notary will ask to see identification. **Co-signer must sign and date the Application only in the presence of the Notary.** By signing, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to the provisions in the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms, Co-signer's Certification, and that the Co-signer agrees to repay the loan in full if the Borrower does not.

If the Co-signer makes statements or represents himself/ herself inaccurately on this Application & Promissory Note, the Co-signer is subject to prosecution and, if convicted, possible penalties under state or federal law may include a fine or imprisonment.

Phase V Application & Promissory Note

Office Use Only:	Total Amount Approved:	Approved By:	Approval Date:	Date Received:
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1. Borrower's Information (Please print clearly in ink):				2. Social Security Number:	
Last	First	Middle Initial	Suffix, if applicable	3. Birth Date (Month, Day, Year): ____/____/____	4. Telephone with Area Code: () -
Billing Address				5. State of Residence: ____	
Billing Address				6. Loan Period begin and end: ____/____/____	
City				7. SELF Loan Amount Requested: \$ _____	
State				8. Interest Rate Selected: Fixed <input type="checkbox"/> Variable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Zip				10. E-mail Address:	
9. Borrower's Driver's License Number:				State:	

11. Promise to Pay: I understand this is a Promissory Note, or contract to pay, and a Loan Application. I have read, understand, and agree to the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms, the Borrower's Certification and the Tennessee Warning to Borrowers and Co-signers. I promise to pay to your order the amount stated in box #7, or any smaller amount loaned to me on this Note, plus interest and late charges, in accordance with the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms. In the event of default I agree to reimburse to you all fees paid or payable by you to any collection entity, which may be based on a percentage at a maximum of 39% of the debt, and all costs and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees, process service fees, garnishment fees, or other fees that you may incur in any collection efforts or the enforcement of judgment, whether judgment is obtained against borrower and/or co-signer.

Signature of Borrower

Date

12a. Co-signer's Information (Please print clearly in ink):				12b. Social Security Number:		12c. Birth Date (Month, Day, Year): ____/____/____	
Last	First	Middle Initial	Suffix, if applicable	12d. Telephone with Area Code: () -	12e. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Perm. Resident & Number:		
Billing Address				12f. Relationship to the Borrower (Check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Billing Address							
City				12g. Co-signer's E-mail Address:			
State							
Zip							

13. Promise to Pay: I understand this is a Promissory Note, or contract to pay, and a Loan Application. I have read, understand, and agree to the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms, the Co-signer's Certification and the Tennessee Warning to Borrowers and Co-signers. I promise to pay to your order the amount stated in box #7, or any smaller amount loaned to the Borrower on this Note, plus interest and late charges, in accordance with the SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms. In the event of default I agree to reimburse to you all fees paid or payable by you to any collection entity, which may be based on a percentage at a maximum of 39% of the debt, and all costs and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees, process service fees, garnishment fees, or other fees that you may incur in any collection efforts or the enforcement of judgment, whether judgment is obtained against borrower and/or co-signer.

Signature of Co-signer

Date

Signature of Notary Public

Commission Expires

Notary's Address, City, State and Zip

Co-signer signature must be done in front of a Notary.
[Notary Stamp or Seal]

14. Name of School:	15. USDE Vendor Number:	16. Anticipated Graduation Date: (MM, DD, YY): ____/____/____
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SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms:

1. **Parties:** For purposes of this promissory Note “I”, “me” , “we” or “my” refers to the Borrower and Cosigner; “you” or “your” refers to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and/or its servicer, agent, or assign. The “Borrower” is the student whose education the loan is used to finance. The “Cosigner” is another person, other than the Borrower, who agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Note. When this loan is made, both the Borrower and the Cosigner will be liable, individually and together, for the full amount of the loan, plus interest and any other applicable charges.
2. **General Definitions:** Capitalized terms not otherwise defined when first used herein have the meanings set forth herein:
 - a. **Capitalization:** the addition of accrued and unpaid interest to the outstanding Principal balance of the loan made under this Note. After you Capitalize interest, interest will accrue on the new Principal balance, including the Capitalized interest.
 - b. **Final Disclosure:** a Truth-In-Lending-Act document that you will provide to me as required by federal law prior to my first loan disbursement.
 - c. **Note:** this Application and Promissory Note for a private education loan and these SELF Loan Promissory Note Terms.
 - d. **Principal:** the amount disbursed to me or on my behalf as disclosed on the Final Disclosure plus the amount of any interest that is Capitalized at any time during the life of the loan.
 - e. **School:** an institution of higher education I identify on this Note, which you approve, and the Borrower attends or will attend.
3. **How I Agree to the Terms of this Loan:** With respect to each disbursement of the loan proceeds, I agree to all the terms in this Note and the Final Disclosure when I consummate the loan by either: 1) signing this Note, or 2) using the proceeds or allowing someone to use the proceeds on my behalf. I am not bound to the repayment terms in this Note until the loan proceeds are disbursed.
4. **Disbursement of Loan Proceeds:** You will either electronically transmit funds to the School on my behalf or issue the School a master check or a check made jointly payable to me and my School. I authorize my School to pay to you any refund that may be due to me, up to the amount of this loan. If I am delinquent in payment on any SELF Loan, my pending disbursements may be withheld until payment is current or my disbursements may be permanently cancelled.
5. **Promise to Pay:** We promise to pay you the Principal loan amount (including Capitalized interest), interest that accrues on the Principal, and all other amounts that may become due under this Note. We also promise to pay all reasonable costs of collection, as permitted by law, including attorney’s fees, legal costs, and the costs of outside collection entities. We promise to make each payment on or before the date that it is due. We promise to make the payments on time even if you do not send either of us a statement. On the date that the last installment of Principal becomes due under the terms of this Note, we promise to pay any other accrued and unpaid amounts in addition to the scheduled installment of Principal. Our responsibility to repay amounts due under this Note is not affected by the liability of any other person to either of us. We agree to uphold our obligations in this Note, even if the Borrower does not complete the education program. If I am a Cosigner, my obligation to repay the loan is the same as the Borrower’s.
6. **Interest:** Once I have selected the Fixed Rate or Variable Rate the designation cannot be changed during the life of the loan. If I selected Fixed Rate, I will pay you interest on the unpaid Principal balance of the loan at an annual rate equal to the fixed rate stated in my Final Disclosure, which I agreed to when I accepted the loan. If I selected Variable Rate, I will pay you interest on the unpaid Principal balance of the loan at an annual rate equal to the Margin plus the Index Rate.
 - a. **Interest Calculated Daily:** You will calculate interest on a daily basis on the outstanding Principal balance until the loan balance is paid in full. As you calculate interest daily, the amount of interest I pay varies based on the number of days between my last payment and my current payment.
 - b. **Index Rate Calculation:** The Index Rate in any calendar quarter is the arithmetic average rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent of the three-month London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR) rate during the calendar quarter immediately preceding the interest rate adjustment date. The Index Rate may change on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year. You may from time to time, in your sole discretion, change the Index Rate to a substantially similar Index Rate.
 - c. **Margin:** The Margin is an annual percentage rate fixed by you. You may increase or decrease the Margin. The Margin may change on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year.
 - d. **Effect of Increase or Decrease in Index Rate or Margin:** If the Index Rate or the Margin increases or decreases, the interest rate on the loan may increase or decrease. Any change in the interest rate will take place automatically on the same day as the change in the Index Rate or the Margin without notice to me. The interest rate on the loan will not increase or decrease more than three percentage points over any four consecutive calendar quarters.
 - e. **Information:** I may find out what the Margin or Index Rate is by contacting you or checking the SELF Loan website.
7. **Repayment:**
 - a. Phase V SELF Loans will enter the Repayment Period no later than nine years after the first disbursement date on the loan, regardless of any In-School Period or Transition Period that would otherwise apply.
 - b. **In-School Period:** Unless the loan has entered a mandatory Repayment Period as provided in 7.a. above, the period during which the Borrower is an In-School Student, as defined in 7.e. below, is the “In-School Period.” During the In-School Period, I will pay interest accrued on the loan. I will make payments every three months. The first payment will be due approximately three months after the date of the first disbursement. When the Borrower stops being an In-School Student, I will also pay interest accrued since the last quarterly interest payment. If the Principal balance on the SELF Loan is less than \$50, I will be billed for the entire balance.
 - c. **Transition Period:** Unless the loan has entered a mandatory Repayment Period as provided in 7.a. above, the Transition Period for this Note begins the month after the Borrower stops being an In-School Student. It continues for up to 12 months, unless the Borrower signs an Extended Interest Form to continue it for up to an additional 24 months (making a maximum Transition Period of 36 months). During the Transition Period, I will pay accrued interest on the loan each month. If the Principal balance is less than \$50, I will be billed for the entire balance.
 - d. **Repayment Period:** The Repayment Period begins the earlier of nine years after the first disbursement date on the loan or at the end of the Transition Period. During the Repayment Period, I will pay monthly installments of Principal and interest on the loan.

Before the first payment of Principal is due, you will inform me in writing of the repayment terms for the loan. I will repay the loan on the terms described in this Note.

- (i) I will repay the loan in monthly installments of Principal plus accrued interest.
 - (ii) The maximum repayment period for Phase V SELF Loans is based on the aggregate Principal loan balances of all my SELF Loans.
 - (a) Aggregate loan balances of less than \$20,000 have a maximum Repayment Period of 10 years after the In-School Period ends.
 - (b) Aggregate loan balances of \$20,000 or more but less than \$40,000 have a maximum Repayment Period of 15 years after the In-School Period ends.
 - (c) Aggregate loan balances of \$40,000 or more have a maximum Repayment Period of 20 years after the In-School Period ends.
 - (iii) During the Repayment Period, the minimum monthly payment on the Borrower's SELF Loan accounts will be at least \$50. The minimum monthly payment will be larger if necessary to repay the loans within the applicable Repayment Period as described in Section 7.d (ii).
 - (iv) Before the first Principal payment, you will calculate the amount of Principal I will pay each month. Under either a Fixed or Variable Rate loan you will assume that the interest rate on the loan at the time of the calculations will not change. You will then figure what the Principal payments on the loan would be each month if I repaid the loan in equal monthly installments including Principal and interest at that rate. To get the monthly payment after the initial calculation, you will add interest accrued at the actual rate.
- e. *The Borrower is an In-School Student if the Borrower:*
- (i) is enrolled in an approved School located in Minnesota or is a Minnesota resident enrolled in an approved School located outside Minnesota, and
 - (ii) is enrolled in a program leading to a certificate or undergraduate or graduate degree, and
 - (iii) is enrolled on at least a half-time basis, and
 - (iv) has been enrolled as described above in (i), (ii) and (iii), since the first loan disbursement under this Note, or if not, the Borrower again becomes an In-School Student before the required Repayment Period for this loan begins. After the maximum Transition Period ends or after a required Repayment Period has started for this loan, the loan cannot return to In-School status even upon re-enrollment.
- f. *Payment Date:* You will provide the Borrower a bill either by mail or, with the Borrower's consent, electronically. I will make the payment on or before the payment date stated in the bill. Your failure to send or my failure to receive a bill does not eliminate or delay my obligation to pay.
- g. *Changes in Payment Amount:* You may re-amortize my loan at any time to ensure the new outstanding balance at the then-current interest rate will be paid in equal monthly installments by the end of the Repayment Period. Monthly payments may increase or decrease accordingly.
- h. *Prepayment:* I may prepay all or part of the loan at any time without penalty. If I prepay part of the Principal balance of the loan, I must continue to make all scheduled payments until the loan is fully paid.
- i. *Application of Payments:* You will apply payments first to collection fees, late fees, accrued interest and any other finance charges, then to other amounts I owe you, and last to the unpaid Principal balance. I also consent to payment being made by either or both Borrower and Cosigner and authorize all payments thereby.
- j. *Late Charge, Returned Payment Charge, and Other Charges:* If a payment is not made within 15 days after it is due, I may be charged a late fee not exceeding \$20 for each late payment. I will pay a returned payment charge of up to \$15 if any payment or any portion of a payment is returned by my financial institution due to insufficient funds or any other reason.
8. **Notices and Addresses:** I will notify you immediately of any change in my permanent address, phone number, name, or the In-School Student status of the Borrower. You may also periodically request that I confirm my information, and I agree to do so promptly. Any notice or communication with you required or permitted under the Federal Bankruptcy Code must be in writing, include my account number, and be sent to the address that you have most recently provided to me in any statement/invoice sent to me. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, any notice that you are required to give me will be effective when mailed by USPS First-Class Mail to my address in your records.
 9. **General Waiver Provisions:** I waive presentment for payment, demand, protest, notice of protest, dishonor, and all other notices or demands in connection with the delivery, acceptance, performance, default, or enforcement of this Note. You can accept late payments, partial payments, or checks and money orders marked "payment in full" or any other restrictive endorsement without losing any rights under this Note.
 10. **Cosigner Liability:** The Cosigner is responsible for all the obligations owed to you under this Note. You may notify me if the Borrower or Cosigner is delinquent in payment, in default, or in bankruptcy. You are not required to send the Cosigner copies of the bills you send the Borrower for payments due on the loan. The Cosigner waives any suretyship/guarantor defenses the Cosigner may have to payment of this Note except payment in full. No substitution of Cosigners is permitted. You may, at your option, pursue the Cosigner for payment of the loan.
 11. **Forgiveness:** Neither the Borrower nor the Cosigner will be required to repay my loan if the Borrower dies or becomes totally and permanently disabled after the loan is fully disbursed. Forgiveness is in accordance with Minn. Admin. Rule 4850.0020. Forgiveness is effective upon your receipt and written approval of acceptable documentation. However, if the Cosigner dies or becomes totally and permanently disabled after the loan is fully disbursed, the Borrower will still have to repay this loan.
 12. **Cancellation:** Under the Truth-In-Lending-Act, I have the right to cancel this loan prior to the first disbursement by giving notice to you as described on the Final Disclosure.
 13. **Default:** If I am in default, the entire outstanding balance on the Note will be due immediately at your option, except as prohibited by law. This will happen without any prior notice to me or right to cure, except where required by law. I will be in default for any of the following reasons: I do not make any payment when due; I make any false or misleading representation in obtaining any loan; I use the loan for other than the cost of attending a School; I fail to notify you when the Borrower stops being an In-School Student; I fail to perform any other provision of this Note; or I default on any other loan I owe you. If I am in default and you file suit or take other action to collect this loan, I agree to pay the costs of the suit and the costs of collection (including the costs of outside collection

entities, up to a maximum of 39% of the debt) and reasonable attorneys' fees, process service fees, garnishment fees, or other fees that you may incur in any collection efforts or the enforcement of judgment, whether judgment is obtained against Borrower and/or Cosigner. Further, I agree to pay any interest that accrues at the contract rate, fixed or variable as determined by this Note, from the date I default through the date of entry of judgment. I understand that post-judgment interest will continue to accrue at the judgment rate as established by law. My agreement to pay these costs, fees, and interest is subject to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and other applicable laws. If I am in default, you have several remedies. You may: refuse to disburse additional loan funds; require me to repay immediately all amounts I owe you on this Note or on any other SELF or SELF Refi Loan; place my account with a collection entity; withhold Minnesota State income tax refunds, State Lottery winnings, rent credits, and/or property tax credits or special refunds or rebates; and sue me for repayment of my loan. If the Borrower is an In-School Student when I fail to pay, you may add to the Principal balance of the loan up to 180 days unpaid interest accrued on the loan. You do not have to give me any notice of the choice of remedy. You may use any or all of your remedies. Your acceptance of late or partial payments does not excuse my default or waive your right to use any or all remedies, including accelerating payment of all amounts I owe you on this Note or on any other SELF or SELF Refi Loan.

14. **Consumer Credit Reports:** You may request my consumer credit report from one or more of the consumer credit reporting agencies to evaluate my application and at any time before I repay my loan in full. If I ask, you will tell me if you requested a consumer credit report and give me the name and address of the consumer credit reporting agency that provided it. You may report information about my loan to consumer credit reporting agencies, such as late payments, missed payments, or other delinquencies or defaults on my loan that may reflect in my consumer credit report. If I believe you have reported inaccurate information about my loan to a consumer credit reporting agency, or if I believe I have been the victim of identity theft in connection with this loan, I understand that I can write a letter to you stating so. My letter must include: my name and Parti ID, the information I am disputing, the basis of the dispute, and any supporting documentation that substantiates the basis for my dispute.
15. **Governing Law:** This Note is governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. It is also covered by Minn. Admin. Rules ch. 4850. I consent to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of Minnesota in any lawsuit involving this Note. Any lawsuit involving this Note may be in the venue of Ramsey County, State of Minnesota, at your option.
16. **Assignment:** I may not give my rights or responsibilities under this Note to anyone else. You may sell, transfer, or assign this Note and your rights and responsibilities under this Note to another entity, without notice, and my rights and obligations under this Note will continue unchanged. When you tell me, I will be required to make payments on this Note to that entity.
17. **Execution:** The Note may be executed in one or more counterparts. All of the counterparts together will be the same Note and will be legally enforceable. A copy shall hold the same effect as the original. If any provision of this Note is held invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, that provision shall be considered omitted from this Note without affecting the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Note.

18. **Servicing:** In order for you to service the account or collect any amount I may owe, I agree that you, your servicer, a collection agency, or other representative may make calls, send e-mails, and text messages to me, using prerecorded or artificial voice messages and/or through the use of an automated dialing or sending device, at any telephone number or personal electronic device address associated with me or my loan, including telephone numbers or device addresses that could result in charges to me.
19. **Marketing:** I consent to you using my address, phone number (land line and/or mobile phone), and email address for marketing purposes.
20. **Certifications**
 - a. **Borrower and Cosigner Certification:** We, the Borrower and the Cosigner, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Minnesota that the following is true and correct. We certify that we have read the information included with this Note and that we understand our responsibilities. We give our permission to you, your loan servicer, attorney, collection entity, and any financial institution or secondary market to whom you might sell this SELF Loan, to disclose identifying information about us and this SELF Loan to the consumer credit reporting agencies with whom you, your loan servicer, or collection entity have agreements, as provided in Minn. Stat. §136A.162. We authorize you and your servicer to provide information to the School or any School to which the Borrower seeks application or has been admitted, regarding this SELF Loan, any outstanding SELF Loan, or any SELF Loan for which we may apply.
 - b. In addition to any certification I make in this Note, I certify that all of the loan proceeds evidenced by this Note will be used solely to pay for Qualified Higher Education Expenses. Qualified Higher Education Expenses are the costs of attending a School, including graduate school, on at least a half-time basis. Generally, these costs include tuition and certain related expenses. See Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 970 and related guidance for more information. The IRS does not require my consent to any provision of this Note other than this certification. Signing the Note will be my consent for IRS purposes.
21. **Tennessee Warning:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §13.04, subd. 2 (2018), I am hereby informed that you are collecting my private data in order to process this Note, and potentially disburse funds to a School to which I have applied or am attending. The information supplied in this application may be used as follows: (1) in the processing and verification of the data supplied to determine my eligibility for this program; (2) for future collection and servicing of the loan; (3) for compilation and analysis of summary data relative to this program; and (4) for dissemination of information to the School. I am not required to provide the information supplied in this Note. Failure to submit requested data may prevent further processing of the Note. The information supplied in this Note may be shared with: other public and private individuals and entities, in order to use the information for the purposes specified above; pursuant to a court order requiring disclosure; or provided to the state or legislative auditor. As part of the electronic application process e-mails containing the Borrower and Cosigner names may be sent to Borrowers, Cosigners and Schools. If I am under the age of 18, I have the right to request that parental access to private data be denied.



Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification

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OMB No. 1845-0101
OMB Approved
Exp. Date 8/31/2022

Important: Pursuant to Section 155 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA) and to satisfy the requirements of Section 128(e)(3) of the Truth in Lending Act, a lender must obtain a self-certification signed by the applicant before disbursing a private education loan. The school is required on request to provide this form or the required information only for students admitted or enrolled at the school. Throughout this Applicant Self-Certification, "you" and "your" refer to the applicant who is applying for the loan. The applicant and the student may be the same person.

Instructions: Before signing, carefully read the entire form, including the definitions and other information on the following page. Submit the signed form to your lender.

SECTION 1: NOTICES TO APPLICANT

- Free or lower-cost Title IV federal, state, or school student financial aid may be available in place of, or in addition to, a private education loan. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.
- A private education loan may reduce eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school student financial aid.
- You are **strongly** encouraged to pursue the availability of free or lower-cost financial aid with the school's financial aid office.
- The financial information required to complete this form can be obtained from the school's financial aid office. If the lender has provided this information, you should contact your school's financial aid office to verify this information and to discuss your financing options.

SECTION 2: COST OF ATTENDANCE AND ESTIMATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If information is not already entered below, obtain the needed information from the school's financial aid office and enter it on the appropriate line. Sign and date where indicated. See Section 5 for definitions of financial aid terms.

- A. Student's cost of attendance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan \$ _____
- B. Estimated financial assistance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan \$ _____
- C. Difference between amounts A and B \$ _____

WARNING: If you borrow more than the amount on line C, you risk reducing your eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school financial aid.

SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enter or correct the information below.

Full Name and Address of School _____

Applicant Name (last, first, MI) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

Permanent Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Area Code / Telephone Number Home () _____ Other () _____

E-mail Address _____

Period of Enrollment Covered by the Loan (mm/dd/yyyy) From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

If the student is **not** the applicant, provide the student's name and date of birth.

Student Name (last, first, MI) _____ Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

SECTION 4: APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I certify that I have read and understood the notices in Section 1 and, that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS

Cost of attendance is an estimate of tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, and other costs for the period of enrollment covered by the loan, as determined by the school. A student's cost of attendance may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

Estimated financial assistance is all federal, state, institutional (school), private, and other sources of assistance used in determining eligibility for most Title IV student financial aid, including amounts of financial assistance used to replace the expected family contribution. The student's estimated financial assistance is determined by the school and may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

A **lender** is a private education lender as defined in Section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act and any other person engaged in the business of securing, making, or extending private education loans on behalf of the lender.

A **period of enrollment** is the academic year, academic term (such as semester, trimester, or quarter), or the number of weeks of instructional time for which the applicant is requesting the loan.

A **private education loan** is a loan provided by a private education lender that is not a Title IV loan and that is issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses, regardless of whether the loan is provided through the school that the student attends or directly to the borrower from the private education lender. A private education loan does not include **(1)** An extension of credit under an open-end consumer credit plan, a reverse mortgage transaction, a residential mortgage transaction, or any other loan that is secured by real property or a dwelling; or **(2)** An extension of credit in which the school is the lender if the term of the extension of credit is 90 days or less or an interest rate will not be applied to the credit balance and the term of the extension of credit is one year or less, even if the credit is payable in more than four installments.

Title IV student financial aid includes the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Perkins Loan Program, and the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans, and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available at www.fafsa.gov, by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.

SECTION 6: PAPERWORK REDUCTION NOTICE

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 currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0101. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 0.25 hours (15 minutes) per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed and complete and review the information collection.

If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: 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, contact your lender.

SELF Loan Counseling Acknowledgement

Please complete the information below acknowledging that you have read and understand your financial responsibility of borrowing a SELF Loan from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

Borrower Name: _____
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Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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