



Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

### 2022-2023 Fresh Start\* Initiative

The U.S. Department of Education announced an initiative called “[Fresh Start](#)” for borrowers who defaulted on their federal student loans prior to the [COVID-19 payment pause](#) on March 13, 2020. If your loans are eligible, you will temporarily regain several student aid benefits (i.e., federal loans and grants if eligible). Please complete this form, sign it, and return it to the Financial Aid Office.

### Fresh Start Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Student’s Full Name), understand that I am eligible for Title IV aid as a result of the fresh start initiative. As a Fresh-Start-eligible borrower, I understand that, by accepting Title IV HEA federal student aid during the fresh start period, I am agreeing to have my defaulted loans transferred to a new loan servicer - the company that will manage my loan - which will result in continued Title IV, HEA federal student aid eligibility beyond the Fresh Start period. I understand that this transfer may not occur immediately and that I can contact the holder(s) of my defaulted loan(s) to request the transfer sooner.

**Student**

**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*A typed signature is not acceptable.**

Please submit your form using the Secure Upload link, document must be in PDF to use the secure upload link:

[Secure Upload Link](#)

Secure Upload: You will need to complete some basic identifying information before uploading your documents in PDF format. It is imperative that you enter this identifying information correctly as this is the data we will use to route your documents to your student electronic record. Incorrect information will lead to processing delays.

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*\*On April 6, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced an initiative—called “Fresh Start”—to help eligible borrowers in default. Fresh Start will continue through one year after the [COVID-19 payment pause](#) ends.*

*This is not loan forgiveness, meaning your loan debt balance is not being reduced or cancelled. All Fresh Start initiative participants must repay their loans and will have one year after the end of the COVID-19 student loan payment pause to make payment arrangements. Any borrower with eligible defaulted federal student loans can make payment arrangements during the initiative by visiting [myeddebt.ed.gov](http://myeddebt.ed.gov), contacting their loan holder by phone or in writing, or calling the Default Resolution Group at 1-800-621-3115.*