

Borrower Acknowledgment Statement Total and Permanent Disability Discharge

A student who has had a previous federal education loan discharged due to Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) may, under certain circumstances, borrow a new federal student loan. However, it may be necessary to resume repayment on the previously discharged loan. For more details, please see the reverse side of this form.

*This form establishes your eligibility for the Federal Student Loan Program when prior loans have been discharged due to total and permanent disability. **Completing this form does not guarantee you will qualify for a Federal Student Loan Program.***

Student Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Part I: Borrower's Acknowledgment Statement

By signing this document, I acknowledge that any new Federal Student Aid loans that I may qualify for cannot be discharged in the future for any present impairment unless it deteriorates so that I am again totally and permanently disabled. I am also aware that before I can receive any Federal Student Aid loans, I must obtain a physician's certification stating that I have the ability to engage in "substantial gainful activity." A Borrower's Acknowledgment Statement must be completed before any Federal Student Aid loans are received.

In addition, I have also read and understand the information given on the **back of this form**.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

WARNING: Any person who knowingly and willingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form or on any accompanying document is subject to penalties that may include fines, imprisonment, or both, under the U.S. Criminal Code and 20 U.S.C. 1097.

Note: (1) The student must sign a new acknowledgment for the school **each time** they receive a new loan after a disability discharge.

(2) The physician's certification is required **only once** before the student may borrow new federal student loans after a disability discharge. The school will maintain this certification in the student's files.

Return form to UTHCS Financial Aid Office

In-person/fax: 910 Madison Avenue Ste# 520

Fax: 901-448-2495

Part II: Criteria for Disability Discharge

The criteria for disability discharge and borrowing again after disability discharge are outlined in the Federal Student Aid Handbook, Volume 1, Chapter 3, pages 1-82 and 1-83.

Perkins Loans, FFEL, and Direct Loans, as well as TEACH Grant service obligations, may qualify for discharge if the borrower becomes totally and permanently disabled (TPD). Except for veterans who qualify based on a determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that they are unemployable due to a service-connected disability, the Department of Education monitors the status of borrowers who receive a TPD discharge for a three-year period.

If a borrower whose prior loan was discharged due to TPD wishes to take out another federal student aid (FSA) loan or receive a TEACH Grant, they must obtain a physician's certification (only needed once; the school keeps a copy in the student's file). The borrower must sign a statement acknowledging that the new FSA loan or TEACH Grant service obligation cannot be discharged for any existing impairment unless it deteriorates to the point of total and permanent disability.

If the borrower requests a new loan or TEACH Grant during the post-discharge monitoring period, they must also resume payments on the old loan before receiving the new loan or grant. If the previously discharged loan was in default, it remains in default upon reinstatement, and the borrower must make satisfactory repayment arrangements before receiving the new loan, in addition to meeting other requirements.

A borrower who received a TPD discharge based on a VA determination and is unemployable due to a service-connected disability is not subject to a monitoring period and does not need to resume payments on the discharged loan to receive a new loan. However, they must still provide the physician's certification and borrower acknowledgment described above.

For additional information regarding Total and Permanent Disability Discharge:

<https://www.disabilitydischarge.com/faqs>