

Private Education Loan Military Forbearance Request Form

To apply for a forbearance through Aspire Servicing Center, please complete this form and return it by fax to 515-471-3980 or by mail to Aspire Servicing Center, P.O. Box 659705, West Des Moines, IA 50265-0970. For faster processing, securely upload the application and required documentation through your online account at <https://portal.studentloan.org>.

Borrower Information

Borrower Name: _____ Account Number: _____
Borrower Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____
 Check here for change of address.

Forbearance Terms & Conditions

Under the Military Forbearance you may postpone repayment of your Private Education loan(s) while you are (1) serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency or (2) performing qualifying National Guard active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency. If you are granted a Military Forbearance, you understand that the forbearance does not change your responsibilities under your Promissory Note(s) and that any time spent in a Military Forbearance will not be counted toward your maximum allowable repayment period of 10 years, but you are still responsible for paying the principal balance, interest, and other fees and charges on your Private Education loan(s) in full within 15 years of the first disbursement. Periods of forbearance will increase your monthly payment once the forbearance ends. You will resume repayment of this debt within thirty (30) days of the forbearance end date. As the primary borrower, you and each co-signer agree that notice of the granting of a forbearance does not have to be given to the other party, and that the failure to give such notice shall not release or impair any of the obligations of you or such co-signer(s). For loans with cosigner(s), only the primary student borrower is eligible. The cosigner is not required to make payments while the primary borrower is in a Military Forbearance. See *Additional Information* on the back of this form for complete details and eligibility requirements for Military Forbearance request.

Authorized Official's Certification

I am performing the type of service that qualifies me for a **Military Forbearance** (*granted in 12-month increments*). I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements as indicated on the back of this form for a Military Forbearance and I authorize Aspire Servicing Center to grant a forbearance on my Private Education Loan(s) beginning on the date I began performing the military service that qualifies me for the forbearance, and ending on the date in which my qualifying military service ends.

Authorized Official's Certification (*see back of this form for other acceptable documentation*): I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that:

- The borrower's service meets the eligibility requirements for the forbearance, as applicable.
- The borrower's service begins/began on ___/___/___ and ends/ended on ___/___/___.
- The borrower is (check one):

- A member of an Armed Force reassigned to a duty station at a location other than the location where the member is normally assigned.
- A Reserve or retired member of an Armed Force called to active duty under 10 U.S.C. 12301(a), 12301(g), 12302, 12304, 12306, or 688.
- On full-time National Guard duty as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(5) under a call to active duty service.

Note: If none of the above conditions apply, you are not eligible for a Military Forbearance.

Name of Organization: _____ Name of Authorized Official: _____
Address: _____ Authorized Official Signature: _____

Title: _____
Telephone #: _____ Date: _____

Borrower Authorization & Acknowledgment

By signing below, I certify that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct, and that I have read, understand, and meet the eligibility requirements and terms and conditions of the forbearance that I have requested. I also certify that I am willing to repay my Private Education loan(s), but am unable to do so at this time due to the reason(s) indicated above. Interest will continue to accrue during this period. Unless I pay the interest, any unpaid interest at the end of the forbearance period will be repaid prior to the repayment of any principal balance. I will resume repayment upon expiration of the forbearance and I agree to repay my Private Education loan(s) according to the terms of my Promissory Note(s) and Repayment Schedule(s). I understand and agree to the terms and conditions contained on this form.

Borrower Signature

Date

Forbearance Request: Additional Information

1. Forbearance - If you are unable to make payments on your Private Education loan(s) according to the terms of your Promissory Note(s), you may request that adjustments be made to your loan terms including a postponement or forbearance of payments. Aspire Servicing Center retains the right to the decision to grant you a forbearance and may request information about your situation in evaluating your request. If we grant your request for a forbearance, you understand that the repayment term of your Private Education loan(s) will not be extended (*except for certain instances as permitted by your Loan Holder or required by law*) to accommodate your request and that you are still responsible for paying the principal balance, interest, and other fees and charges on your Private Education loan(s) and that any forbearance that we grant does not change your responsibilities under your Promissory Note(s). Periods of forbearance will increase your monthly payment once the forbearance ends. You will resume repayment of this debt within thirty (30) days of the forbearance end date as determined by us. As the primary borrower, you and each co-signer agree that notice of the granting of a forbearance does not have to be given to the other party, and that the failure to give such notice shall not release or impair any of the obligations of you or such co-signer(s). In addition to the above, you may be entitled to a forbearance under federal law if you qualify for forbearance as an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States (*see Military Forbearance Eligibility Requirements*).

2. Military Forbearance Eligibility Requirements - Under the Military Forbearance you may postpone repayment of your Private Education loan(s) while you are (1) serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency or (2) performing qualifying National Guard active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency. The loan interest rate will be no higher than 6% for the entire length of your active duty military service, even if your service no longer qualifies for the Military Forbearance under one of the two requirements listed previously in this paragraph.

You are not required to make payments of loan principal during your forbearance. You have the option of paying the interest on your Private Education loan(s) during your forbearance. Any unpaid interest at the end of the forbearance period will be repaid prior to the repayment of any principal balance upon re-entering repayment. Not paying the interest while in a Military Forbearance may increase your monthly payment once the forbearance ends. The next payment due date after a forbearance will be within 30 days after the forbearance end date. Any time spent in a Military Forbearance will not be counted toward your maximum allowable repayment period of 10 years but the loan must be repaid in full within 15 years of the first disbursement. For loans with cosigner(s), only the primary student borrower is eligible. The cosigner is not required to make payments while the primary borrower is in a Military Forbearance.

The initial Military Forbearance is granted for 12 months based on verbal or written notification, and does not require supporting documentation. Additional time (*in increments of up to 12 months*) will require supporting documentation and a signed agreement. An authorized official must complete the Authorized Official's Certification section of this form. As an alternative to completing the Authorized Official's Certification section, a written statement from the commanding or personnel officer or a copy of the military orders may be attached. The statement or copy must include all information needed to establish your eligibility for the forbearance as indicated on the front of this form, including the period of the qualifying service. *Note: An official representative or family member may complete and sign this form on your behalf if you are unable to do so.*

Military Forbearance will begin on the date your qualifying active duty begins, or the date you are deployed to a different duty station, and will end upon your release from qualifying active duty, or return to your home station.

If your ability to make payments is adversely affected by a military mobilization (*i.e., your military mobilization or you are indirectly affected due to your spouse's military mobilization*) we may grant you an Administrative Forbearance for a period not to exceed 3 months without supporting documentation and upon written or verbal notice to us. The Administrative Forbearance will begin the later of (1) the date the you are affected (*beginning of active duty*) or (2) the date requested by you. This Administrative Forbearance may run consecutively with the first 12 months of Military Forbearance for a total of 15 months. Military Forbearance beyond the initial period based on the borrower's military mobilization requires supporting documentation and an agreement with you (*may be verbal*) as outlined in this Forbearance Request form. Military Forbearance beyond the 3-month Administrative Forbearance is not available for military mobilization of your spouse but you may qualify for Discretionary Forbearance, subject to the terms above.

Aspire Servicing Center may also grant an Administrative Forbearance to resolve any delinquency that precedes the date your Military Forbearance begins. An Administrative Forbearance may be granted from the date on which your delinquency began and will end the day before the first day of the Military Forbearance.

If at any time you stop performing the military duty that qualifies you for the forbearance or if you otherwise become ineligible for this forbearance, you must immediately notify us.

Military Forbearance Definitions:

Active duty means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(1), but does not include training or attendance at a service school.

Serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency means service by an individual who is (1) a Reserve of an Armed Force ordered to active duty under 10 U.S.C. 12301(a), 12301(g), 12302, 12304, or 12306; or (2) a retired member of an Armed Force ordered to active duty under 10 U.S.C. 688 for service in connection with a war or other military operation or national emergency, regardless of the location at which the active duty service is performed; or (3) any other member of an Armed Force on active duty in connection with the emergency or subsequent actions or conditions who has been assigned to a duty station at a location other than the location where the member is normally assigned.

Military operation means a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13). A contingency operation is a military operation that (1) is designated by the U.S. Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the Armed Forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the U.S. or against an opposing military force; or (2) results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services under 10 U.S.C. 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12305, or 12406; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 15; or any other provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

National emergency means the national emergency by reason of certain terrorist attacks declared by the President on September 14, 2001, or subsequent national emergencies declared by the President by reason of terrorist attacks.

Qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other operation or national emergency means training or other duty, other than inactive, performed by a member of the National Guard on full-time National Guard duty, as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(5), under a call to active service authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense. The training or other duty must be performed for more than 30 consecutive days under 32 U.S.C. 502(f) in connection with a war, other military operation, or national emergency as declared by the President and supported by federal funds.