



2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR
ILLINOIS TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION

WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form shall be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

SECTION 1: BORROWER IDENTIFICATION

Please enter or correct the following information:

Social Security Number [grid]

Name Telephone ()

Address City, State, Zip

SECTION 2: BORROWER'S LOAN REPAYMENT REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION

Before completing this section, please read the entire application, including the General Information and Instructions and Definitions and Eligibility Requirements.

I certify that:

- I have taught full-time in a qualifying Illinois low-income school for at least 5 consecutive, complete academic years.
I have received federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness for my FFEL and/or Direct Loan program Stafford loan(s) within 6 months of applying for the Illinois Teacher Loan Repayment program.
I am a resident of Illinois.
I have read, understand, and meet all of the definitions and eligibility requirements for loan repayment as described in Section 5.
The information that I have provided on this application is true and correct.
ISAC will send the proceeds for which I am eligible directly to my holder/servicer/lender.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SECTION 3: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are required to be attached to this application:

- A photocopy of the federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Application which was used to forgive your FFEL and/or Direct Stafford Loan Program loan(s).
A photocopy of the documentation from the agency that forgave your federal loan(s). The documentation must include the date the loan was forgiven and the amount forgiven. Please include the most current student loan detail statement showing the outstanding balance on the account.

SECTION 4: GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- The Illinois Teacher Loan Repayment Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession. Under this program, individuals who teach full-time for five consecutive, complete academic years in certain Illinois elementary and secondary schools that serve low-income families and meet other qualifications may be eligible for a grant of up to \$5,000.
- This grant is available to Illinois teachers who meet the qualifications for federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness under 20 U.S.C 1078-10, Section 428J.
- The total number of grants awarded in a given fiscal year is contingent upon available funding.
- The documentation required in Section 3 and any other requested documentation must be submitted as a part of this application.
- Return the completed application to the address shown in Section 6.

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITIONS

- **Academic year**
 - one complete school year at the same school, or
 - two complete and consecutive half years at different schools, or
 - two complete and consecutive half years from different school years at either the same school or different schools. Half years exclude summer sessions and generally fall with a 12-month period. For schools that have a year-round program of instruction, a minimum of nine month is considered an academic year.
- **Elementary school** is a public or nonprofit, private school that provides elementary education as determined by State law.
- **Full time** means the standard used by the State in defining full-time employment as a teacher. If you teach in more than one school, full time is based on the combination of all your qualifying employment.
- A **Resident of Illinois** is a person who physically resides in Illinois, and Illinois is his or her true, fixed, and permanent home.
- **Secondary school** is a public or nonprofit, private school that provides secondary education as determined by State law.
- A **Teacher** is a person who provides direct classroom teaching or classroom-type teaching in a non-classroom setting, including Special education teachers. A school librarian or guidance counselor is not considered a teacher for the purposes of this grant program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have been a borrower and received a federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness in accordance with 20 U.S.C 1078-10, Section 428J.
- You must have fulfilled your teaching requirements in Illinois.
- You must be a resident of Illinois.
- You must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- You must have a balance remaining on your student loan(s).

SECTION 6: RETURNING THE APPLICATION AND ASSISTANCE

Return the completed application and required documentation to:

Applicant Services D1B
Illinois Student Assistance Commission
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

If you have questions please contact a Call Center Representative at 800.899.ISAC (4722) or isac.studentservices@isac.illinois.gov.