



ILLINOIS CHILD CARE PROVIDER 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

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

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 provided full-time child care in a qualifying Illinois low-income child care facility for at least (circle one) 2 3 4 5 consecutive, complete years.
- I have received Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness for my FFEL and/or Direct Loan program Stafford loan(s) no more than 6 months ago.
- 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.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SECTION 3: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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

1. A photocopy of the federal Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application which was used to forgive your FFEL and/or Direct Stafford Loan Program loan(s).
2. A photocopy of the documentation from the U. S. Department of Education of the amount of your forgiven loan(s) and the date that the loan(s) was forgiven.

SECTION 4: GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- The Illinois Child Care Provider Loan Repayment Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the child care profession. Under this program, individuals who teach full-time in Illinois child care facilities that serve families in low-income communities and meet other qualifications may be eligible for grants of up to a total of \$5,000.
- This grant is available to Illinois Child Care Providers who meet the qualifications for federal Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness under 20 U.S.C 1078-10, Section 428K.
- You may apply for a grant after your 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years of teaching in a qualifying child care facility.
- 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

- A **Child Care Facility** is a facility, including a home, that provides child care services and meets applicable State or local government licensing, certification, approval, or registration requirements, if any.
- A **Child Care Provider** is a person with a degree in early childhood education from an institution of higher education who provides educational and child care services to children from birth through age 5.
- **Consecutive years of employment** means maintaining full-time employment for successive, uninterrupted 12-month periods as a child care provider in an eligible child care facility.
- **Full-time** means working as a child care provider in an eligible child care facility at least 30 hours per week.
- **Low-income Community** is the community, which consists of the children who received child care at the child care facility, in which 70 percent of households within the community earn less than 85 percent of the State median household income.
- A **Resident of Illinois** is a person who physically resides in Illinois, and Illinois is his or her true, fixed, and permanent home.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have been a borrower and received a federal Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness in accordance with 20 U.S.C 1078-10, Section 428K
- You must have received Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness no more than 6 months prior to this application.
- You must have fulfilled your child care provider requirements in Illinois.
- You must be a resident of Illinois.
- You must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.

SECTION 6: RETURNING THE APPLICATION AND ASSISTANCE

Return the completed application and attachments to:

Compliance D-4
Illinois Student Assistance Commission
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

If you need help completing this application, call:

Sue Eichholz 800.899.4722, ext. 2104