



## 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

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) no more than 6 months prior to 1/1/2003.
- 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:**

1. A photocopy of the federal Teacher 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 guarantee agency and/or 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 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 apply for the grant within six months after receiving notification of federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness.
- You must have received the federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness no more than 6 months prior to 1/1/2003.
- 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**

***Please return this form and documentation 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