Financial Aid

TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
ELIGIBILITY FOR FUTURE LOANS AND/OR TEACH GRANTS

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you have one or more Federal student loans discharged due to a Total and Permanent Disability. This form MUST be completed and returned to the USCA Financial Aid Office before your financial aid eligibility can be determined.

Terms and Conditions:

1. **If you are granted a final discharge due to total and permanent disability, you are not eligible to receive future loans under the FFEL, Perkins Loan, or Direct Loan programs, or TEACH Grants unless:**

- You sign a statement acknowledging (Section I) that the new loan or TEACH Grant service obligation cannot be discharged in the future on the basis of any injury or illness present at the time the new loan or TEACH Grant is made, unless your condition substantially deteriorates so that you are again totally and permanently disabled; and
- You obtain a certification from a physician that you are able to engage in substantial gainful activity (Section II).

2. **If you are granted a conditional discharge based on a total and permanent disability and you request a new FFEL, Perkins Loan, or Direct Loan program loan or a new TEACH Grant during the conditional discharge period, you are not eligible to receive the new loan or TEACH Grant unless:**

- You sign a statement acknowledging that neither the previous conditionally discharged TEACH Grant service obligation or loan(s) nor the new loan or TEACH Grant service obligation can be discharged in the future on the basis of any injury or illness present when you applied for a total and permanent disability discharge or at the time the new loan or TEACH Grant is made unless your condition substantially deteriorates so that you are again totally and permanently disabled (Section I);
- You sign a statement acknowledging that the conditionally discharged loan(s) or TEACH Grant service obligation will be removed from conditional discharge status (Section I):
    - You obtain a certification from a physician that you are able to engage in substantial gainful activity (Section II); and
    - The Department has removed the conditionally discharged loan(s) or TEACH Grant service obligation from conditional discharge status.

SECTION I – BORROWER/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (to be completed by the borrower/student)

By signing this form, I, _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and
(Print Name)
conditions listed above. I understand that the new loan or TEACH Grant service obligation cannot be discharged in the future on the basis of any injury or illness present at the time the new loan or TEACH Grant is made unless my condition substantially deteriorates so that I am again totally and permanently disabled.

Signature: _____ Student ID Number: _____ Date: _____

SECTION II – PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT (to be completed by certifying Physician)

☐ I certify that the above-named person has been examined and in my professional opinion is able to engage in substantial gainful activity*. **Date examined:** _____

☐ I cannot certify that the above-named person is able to engage in substantial gainful activity*.

*Substantial gainful activity is defined as a level of work performed for pay that involves doing significant physical or mental activities or a combination of both.

Comments: _____

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Name of Physician | Address | Phone Number

Signature | Date | License Number | State of License