Supplemental Exit Counseling Information

The Higher Education Opportunity Act, which was signed into law Aug. 14, 2008, requires that, in addition to the information provided to you during exit counseling, you also understand the following:

**Topic: Repayment Options**

You can choose from several repayment options. The option you choose determines your monthly payment, the total loan cost, and the length of your repayment period. If you would like to change your repayment plan, contact your lender.

You may select from the following options for repaying your Federal Stafford and/or Federal PLUS loan:

- **Standard (level) repayment** — You will make fixed monthly payments of at least $50 and repay your loan(s) in full within 10 years, excluding periods of deferment or forbearance.
- **Graduated repayment** — Your monthly payment amount will increase over time, but no payment will be more than three times greater than any other payment.
- **Income-sensitive repayment** — Your monthly payments will be adjusted annually based on your expected gross monthly income.
- **Extended repayment** — If you were a new borrower effective Oct. 7, 1998, and have accumulated more than $30,000 in outstanding Federal Family Education Loan Program loans, you may extend your repayment period up to 25 years and repay under a level or graduated schedule.

You may prepay your loan or accelerate the repayment of all or part of your loans without penalty. “Paying ahead” on your loan reduces the amount of interest you will pay.

If you pay qualifying interest on your federal student loans during a tax year, you may be eligible to deduct up to $2,500 from your federal income tax liability.

**Topic: Loan Consolidation**

Although loan consolidation allows you to extend the repayment term and may reduce your monthly payment amount, you are likely to pay more in total interest costs. Moreover, depending on when you consolidate and the types of loans you consolidate, you may lose part of your grace period, interest subsidy, and deferment options, as well as loan cancellation and loan forgiveness benefits. You may prepay your consolidation loan without penalty and may change your consolidation loan repayment plan. In addition, some lenders may offer interest rate reduction programs on consolidation loans.

**Topic: Default**

If you fail to repay a loan, you will be considered in default and may face the following consequences:

- You lose options for deferment, forbearance and for some loan forgiveness and loan discharge programs.
- Your federal and state income-tax refunds or other federal payments can be seized.
- You can lose or be denied professional licenses.

**Topic: Deferment and Forbearance**


By signing below, you acknowledge that you have received student loan exit counseling and have read and understand all the information provided above. Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

Student signature: _________________________________ Date: ___________________