

2025-2026 Acknowledgement of Title IV Aid Eligibility

Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge

This form is not required if you are only seeking a Federal Pell grant. If you have been granted a Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) discharge of your Title IV loans and/or TEACH grant service obligation, **you will not be eligible to receive a new Title IV loan or TEACH grant in the future unless:**

→ You obtain a certification from a physician that you are able to engage in substantial gainful activity;

– AND –

→ You sign a statement acknowledging that the new Title IV 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 Title IV loan or TEACH grant is made, unless your condition substantially deteriorates so that you are again totally and permanently disabled.

In addition, the Department of Education monitors the status of borrowers who received a TPD discharge for a 3-year period* beginning on the date that the discharge was granted. If a student requests a new Title IV loan or TEACH grant during the post-discharge monitoring period, they must resume repayment on the discharged loans before receipt of the new loan or TEACH grant. For additional information pertaining to TPD discharge, visit disabilitydischarge.com.

We strongly recommend that you contact the **TPD Servicer (Nelnet)** for additional information and advice relative to your particular TPD discharge application, its status, your rights, the post-discharge monitoring period after TPD approval, etc. Nelnet assists the Department in administering the TPD discharge process and communicates with borrowers on behalf of the Department concerning all TPD discharge requests. **See contact information for Nelnet under Section C.**

**monitoring period does not apply to veterans whose TPD discharge was based on a determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs that they are unemployable due to a service-connected disability.*

Section A: Student Attestation and Acknowledgment Statement

I, (print student name) _____, am requesting a new Title IV loan and/or a TEACH grant for the 2025-2026 academic year. I acknowledge that any new Title IV loan or TEACH grant service obligation received after my TPD discharge cannot be discharged in the future on the basis of any injury or illness present at the time the new Title IV loan or TEACH grant is made or under the same disability, unless that condition substantially deteriorates to the extent that the definition of total and permanent disability is again met. Furthermore, if a new Title IV loan or TEACH grant service obligation is received during the 3-year post-discharge monitoring period described earlier, I acknowledge that collection activity will resume on any previously discharged loan and I will once again be subject to the terms of the TEACH grant service obligation (if applicable).

Student Name (print) _____ NU Student ID _____

Student Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____



Section B: Physician Certification

Must be completed and signed by a licensed physician

Patient's Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

I, (print physician name and title) _____,
am a licensed physician and have been treating the above named patient for the disability referenced in the student's statement in Section A of this form. I attest that the student's condition has improved to the extent that the student has the ability to engage in substantial gainful activity such as attending school on a full or part-time basis or gainful employment.

Physician's Name (print) _____

Physician's Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Phone # _____

Physician's Signature _____

Certified On This Date ____/____/____

Section C: Next Steps

Once you and your physician have completed and signed sections A and B above, **please submit the form to Student Financial Services as soon as possible.** For questions about applying for a TPD discharge or to check on the status of an existing request, please contact the **Nelnet Total and Permanent Disability Servicer at:**

Phone: 1-888-303-7818**Fax:** 1-303-696-5250**Email:** disabilityinformation@nelnet.net

Special Assistance Team: A borrower who has special needs and requires assistance navigating the TPD discharge process simply needs to request assistance when he or she contacts the Nelnet Total and Permanent Disability Servicer.

Student Financial Services Use Only

- Eligible for additional Title IV aid
 Denied – Ineligible for additional Title IV aid

Reviewed By _____ Date _____