

## 2017-2018 Total & Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge Eligibility Form

This form serves to reestablish your eligibility for Federal Loan and/or TEACH Grant Programs when prior loans have been discharged due to total and permanent disability. Completion of this form does not guarantee that you will qualify for future Direct Federal Student Loans and/or Federal TEACH Grants.

**Student Acknowledgement Section: Please Print.**

I, the borrower, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have previously received a total and permanent disability discharge either through the Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Direct Loan Program, or Federal Perkins Loan Program. By my signature below, I clearly understand that any additional student loans I receive must be repaid in full and cannot be canceled in the future on the basis of any impairment present when the new loan is made unless that impairment substantially deteriorates as determined by a physician.

**CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION:** I authorize any physician, hospital, or other institution having records pertaining to the disability for which I previously received cancellation of my loan(s) to make information from such records available to Florida International University, U.S. Department of Education, or the holder of my loan(s).

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician Section: Must be completed if this is the first time the student is submitting this form. If this form has been submitted in a prior academic year, this section is not required.**

The above referenced borrower was previously classified as totally and permanently disabled and as a result of this condition received a total discharge of his/her federal student loan indebtedness. As stated in the Student Section above, the borrower is now requesting financial aid from one of the federal education loan programs. The U.S. Department of Education requires that a physician certify that a borrower is once again able to engage in substantial gainful activity, i.e., the person is sufficiently recovered to be capable of attending schools, successfully completing program of study, and securing employment in order to repay the loan he/she is seeking. Your completion of this section will fulfill this requirement.

I certify in my best professional judgment that the above named student is able to engage in substantial gainful activity as defied by the U.S. Department of Education.

**Physician Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Upload Document Option: Scan the completed form and login to my.fiu.edu. Click on the *Upload My Documents* link on the left hand side. Select the *Financial Aid Department* option followed by *Discharge Eligibility Form*.