

Alternative/Private Loan Questionnaire

Student name (please print): _____

HSU ID# _____

Name of Lender: _____ Amount requested: \$ _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Please answer each question. Incomplete questionnaires will be returned to the student and will delay certification of your loan request.

1. Why did you decide to apply for an alternative loan? Why did you choose this lender?

2. What other resource options have you and your family discussed for the balance of your years in college, such as applying for federal and state financial aid, assistance from family, summer savings from student earnings, part-time academic year jobs, budgeting of expenses, and scholarship research? List options here:

We recommend that you comparison shop among different alternative loan lenders. Note that websites and brochures from lenders do not give you the current interest rates and often do not tell you all of the possible loan fees. Once you have determined a lender, call them or go online to obtain the information on items 1–7 below:

3. What is the current interest rate? _____
What is it based upon (ie; Prime, T-Bill, etc)? _____

4. Is the interest rate fixed or variable? _____
If variable, how frequently does the rate change? _____

5. Is the loan adjusted based on the rate change? For example, will interest be capitalized (added to the principal) or will the repayment term or amount be adjusted? _____

6. Is there a maximum interest rate, or cap? _____

7. Is the rate offered for a limited time only? For example, is it an introductory rate? What happens after the initial rate ends?

8. What loan fees are charged? _____

When and how are loan fees paid?

9. What is the total cost of the loan over the life of the loan? Ask the lender to help you calculate the total payback of the loan, including all interest costs and fees on top of the amount you actually borrow.

Alternative loan debt and anticipated future alternative loan borrowing:

- 10. How much do you owe in prior alternative loans? \$ _____
- 11. How much per year do you plan to borrow from **alternative** loans? \$ _____
- 12. What is your projected **total** borrowing for the alternative student loans for your entire years in college? \$ _____
- 13. After checking with your lender and consulting repayment calculators (see #19 below), what is your projected monthly payment with a projected 10 year payoff? \$ _____
- 14. If you do not plan to pay off in 10 years, what other repayment plans are offered by your lender? See page 1 and report the difference in the total cost over the life of the loan using 10 years to repay and using other numbers of years to repay.

From your federal student loan records please provide the following information: (With your federal PIN, you may access your federal student loan records at the following website <http://www.nslids.ed.gov>)

- 15. How much do you owe in prior federal student loans? \$ _____
- 16. What types of federal student loans do you have?

- 17. What are the current interest rate and loan fees on the federal loans?

- 18. What is your projected total borrowing for the federal student loans for your entire years in college? \$ _____
- 19. See repayment calculators online at for all types of loans: <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml> and

<http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/calc.html> for calculations of your federal Direct Student Loan payments. After checking repayment calculators, what is your projected monthly payment for a projected 10 year payoff for your federal loans? \$ _____

Please note:

- Your alternative loan **will not be certified** until this form is completed, signed and returned to the Financial Aid Office.
- If you would like to discuss your options with a Financial Aid counselor, both scheduled and walk-in appointments are available. Please call the office for more information.
- Since the loans are the responsibility of the student, it is important that the **student** complete this information and understand the implications of borrowing an alternative loan. Since there are many private loan companies with changing terms and conditions, this information is not known or provided by the Financial Aid Office; it is information that **you must research and provide** to demonstrate that you are aware of what the loan terms are.
- These loans will be disbursed in two payments, at the beginning of each term. **All loans will be certified as full academic year loans.** If you plan to attend for only one semester, you must indicate this in writing to the Financial Aid Office.
- We strongly recommend that you complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*, if you have not already done so. You can apply online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Nearly every student will be eligible for some type of student aid, even if it is limited to unsubsidized federal Direct Stafford Loan. Federal student loans in general have better terms and conditions than alternative loans. Most alternative loan lenders assume you have applied for federal student loans *before* you consider additional alternative loans.
- For dependent undergraduate students, we encourage parents to consider the federal Direct PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) to assist in meeting the cost of attendance. PLUS loan applications are available from the Financial Aid Office and on our website.

Student Signature

Date

RETURN TO: Financial Aid Office ▪ 1 Harpst Street ▪ Arcata, CA 95521
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