

**Western Illinois University  
Federal Perkins Loans  
General Cancellation Benefit Information  
for Qualifying Law Enforcement Officers, Correction Officers  
and Public Defense Lawyers**

A borrower is entitled to have up to 100 percent of a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan program canceled for qualifying service as a full-time law enforcement officer, corrections officer or public defense lawyer employed by a public defender organization. No portion of any loan may be canceled for services the borrower performed before the date the loan was disbursed, or during the same period the loan was received. The cancellation rate per year of service is:

- \*15 percent of the original principal loan amount for each of the first and second years
- \*20 percent of the original principal loan amount for each of the third and fourth years
- \*30 percent of the original principal loan amount for the fifth year

**Definition of Eligible Law Enforcement Officer, Corrections Officer and Public Defense Lawyer**

**Law Enforcement Officer:** Eligible Federal, State or local agencies that are publicly-funded units, the principal activities of which pertain to crime prevention, control or reduction or the enforcement of the criminal law, including but not limited to police efforts to prevent, control or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals;

**Corrections Officer:** activities of courts having criminal jurisdiction and related agencies; activities of corrections, probation or parole authorities; and problems relating to the prevention, control or reduction of juvenile delinquency or narcotic addiction. A full-time employee of an eligible agency must be a sworn officer or person whose principal responsibilities are unique to the criminal justice system and are essential in the performance of the agency's primary mission.

**Public Defense Lawyer:** A full-time lawyer who is employed by a public defender organization is eligible.

**NOTE:** Agencies that are primarily responsible for enforcement of civil, regulatory, or administrative laws are not eligible. Persons whose official responsibilities are supportive, such as those that involve typing, filing, accounting, office procedures, purchasing, stock control, food service, or building, equipment or grounds maintenance are not eligible.

A borrower is responsible for applying for benefits by completing the appropriate form and for providing any documentation requested supporting eligibility.

**DEFERMENT:** If you are working in a position which you believe will qualify you for partial loan cancellation, a form requesting deferment must be filed at the start of service to suspend billing and defer payments of principal and interest. A six-month post-deferment grace period follows.

**CANCELLATION:** Original cancellation forms must be submitted at the completion of each twelve-month period of service.

Improper completion of forms will cause delays in updating your loan. Until the Billing and Receivables Office receives all the proper documentation, you will continue to receive notices that payment is due. Your loan will be subject to late fees and credit bureau reporting. Not filing a form in a timely manner is equivalent to sending payment past the due date.

If you have questions, please call the Billing and Receivables Office at 309.298.1295, fax 309.298.2032 or email [BRPerkins@wiu.edu](mailto:BRPerkins@wiu.edu).

Return form to:  
Western Illinois University  
Billing & Receivables  
1 University Circle  
Macomb IL 61455

Phone 309.298.1295 ~ Fax 309.298.2032



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Request for Deferment/Cancellation
Law Enforcement Officers, Correction Officers or Public Defenders

Name of Borrower: \_\_\_\_\_ WIU ID: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone Number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_
Address/City/State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Part I - to be completed by applicant

I declare I am/was employed as: \_\_\_\_\_ a full-time law enforcement officer for a Federal, State or local law enforcement agency.
\_\_\_\_\_ a full-time corrections officer for a Federal, State or local corrections agency.
\_\_\_\_\_ a full-time lawyer employed by a public defender organization

Applicants must attach an employer-certified job duties description on agency letterhead including the exact dates of past, current and/or anticipated future full-time employment.

I am requesting:

\_\_\_\_\_ Deferment from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ as I anticipate completing one full year of service.
\_\_\_\_\_ Cancellation from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ as I have completed one full year of service.

I declare all information provided in this request is true and correct. I will notify WIU immediately of any change in my employment status and begin payment if required.

Signature of Borrower \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form or any accompanying documents may be subject to penalty as provided by law.

Part II - to be completed by authorized official

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_
Print Name of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Official (Signature stamp unacceptable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Part III - to be completed by Western Illinois University Billing and Receivables Office

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Next Regular Bill Due: \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_ Denied Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_
Title \_\_\_\_\_
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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