

Borrower Rights and Responsibilities

As a Federal Direct Loan borrower, you have a right to:

- Accept all, some or none of the student loan funds offered.
- Receive a copy of your promissory note (which outlines the terms and conditions of your student loan) before or after the loan is made.
- Know that SGU will submit your enrollment and loan information to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) as required by the federal government.
- Receive from your loan servicer, a payment schedule as well as detailed information about interest rates, fees, loan balance and payment options before you begin repayment.
- Defer payments for certain defined periods or request a forbearance if qualify).
- Choose from among several repayment options and periodically change your repayment plan, if necessary to obtain an affordable loan payment.
- Apply for federal loan forgiveness or discharge in certain circumstances such as employment in public service or total and permanent disability.
- Prepay in full or in part at any time without penalty.
- Receive proof when your loan is paid in full.

Your Responsibilities as a Borrower:

- Borrow only what you need and consider the earnings potential in your chosen profession to determine how easily you can repay your debt.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office if you want to borrow less than the amount you accepted or certified.
- Repay your student loans on time and in full even if you do not finish your education, get a job or feel satisfied with the education you received.
- Use your federal student loan for educational expenses only.
- Repay the loan according to the repayment schedule even if you don't receive a bill or repayment notice.
- Notify your Direct Loan Servicer of anything that affects your ability to repay, or your eligibility for a deferment, forbearance or cancellation.
- Notify your loan holder or servicer of any change to your name, address, telephone number or Social Security number.
- Complete online entrance counseling before you are given your first loan disbursement and exit counseling before you leave school.