



**Western Illinois University**  
**Federal Perkins Loans**  
 General Cancellation Benefit Information for  
 Qualifying Military Service

A borrower is entitled to have up to 100% of a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan program canceled for qualifying full-time active duty military service. To qualify for military cancellation, a borrower must be serving a period of full-time active duty in the armed forces (that is, the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard). A member of the National Guard or the Reserves serving a period of full-time active duty in the armed forces is also eligible to receive a military deferment. For a Perkins Loan or NDSL cancellation, the service in the armed forces must be in an **area of hostilities** or an **area of imminent danger** that qualifies for special pay under Section 310 of Title 37 of the U.S. Code. For Defense Loan cancellation, the service does not have to be in an area of hostilities or area of imminent danger.

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. **You must serve for 12 consecutive months to be eligible for cancellation. Service for less than a complete year or a fraction of a year beyond a complete year does not qualify.**

The cancellation rate per year of service is:

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

The borrower for benefits by completing the appropriate form and for providing any documentation requested by Western Illinois University deemed necessary to support eligibility.

**DEFERMENT:** If you are serving 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. Certain qualifying members of the Armed Forces are eligible for a 13-month deferment following conclusion of military service. Please see the Military Deferment Request form located on our website under Deferment Application and Instructions.

**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 Western Illinois University 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 contact the Western Illinois University Billing and Receivables Office at (309) 527-2525, (Toll-Free) 1-800-991-4212 or email [billings@wiu.edu](mailto:billings@wiu.edu).

**Western Illinois University  
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Request for Cancellation of Repayment  
Military Service**

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 in service as: \_\_\_\_\_ a member of the U.S. Armed Forces entitled to special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger for at least one full year. (Complete option #1 and/or #2 below).

You must provide exact location of area of hostilities or imminent danger:

<p>Return form to: Western Illinois University Billing &amp; Receivables 1 University Circle Macomb IL 61455  Phone 309.298.1295 ~ Fax 309.298.2032</p>
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