



Financial Aid Office

**Fresh Start Initiative Form – Federal Student Loan Borrowers in Default
2023-2024**

Student's Name: _____ **HCCC ID:** _____ **Phone Number:** _____

In an effort to eliminate the adverse effects of default for borrowers who defaulted on their federal student loans before the pandemic payment pause, the U.S. Department of Education enacted the Fresh-Start initiative program. This initiative will enable borrowers with defaulted federal student loans to regain Title IV HEA federal student aid eligibility. The Fresh-Start initiative will remain available to previously defaulted borrowers for one year after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic student loan payment pause. Borrowers will have at least one year to make payment arrangements before defaulting on their debts and being subject to further collections efforts. This initiative applies only to borrowers who are currently ineligible based solely on a prior Title IV loan default, and who qualify to have their eligibility restored through the Fresh-Start initiative. Students who are ineligible for any other reason (failing to meet satisfactory academic progress, owing an overpayment on a Title IV grant, or defaulting on a Perkins Loan that a school holds) are only eligible to receive Title IV aid if the eligibility issue is resolved.

To verify your eligibility and to determine the default date of your loan(s), our office will review your loan detail information from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). **Please complete the section below and return to our office.**

I, _____, understand that I am eligible for the Title IV aid as a result of the Fresh Start Initiative. As a Fresh Start-eligible borrower, I understand that, by accepting Title IV HEA federal student aid during the Fresh Start period, I am agreeing to have my defaulted loans transferred to a new loan servicer- the company that will manage my loan – which will result in continued Title IV, HEA federal student aid eligibility beyond the Fresh Start period. I understand that this transfer may not occur immediately and that I can contact the holder(s) of my defaulted loan(s) to request transfer sooner.

Certification Statement

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported is complete and correct.

Student's Signature

Date