

## BORROWER RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

A borrower has the right to:

- written information on his/her loan obligations and information on his/her rights and responsibilities as a borrower;
- a copy of his/her MPN either before or at the time the loan is disbursed;
- a grace period and an explanation of what this means;
- notification, if in the grace period or repayment, no later than 45 days after a lender assigns, sells or transfers the loan to another lender;
- a disclosure statement, received before beginning to repay his/her loan, that includes information about interest rates, fees, the balance owed, and a loan repayment schedule;
- deferment or forbearance of repayment for certain defined periods, if he/she qualifies and requests it;
- prepay his/her loan in whole or in part anytime without an early repayment penalty; and
- receive from the lender/servicer documentation when his/her loan is paid in full.

A borrower is responsible for:

- completing exit counseling before leaving school or dropping below half-time enrollment;
- repaying his/her loan according to the repayment schedule even if the he/she does not complete his/her academic program, is dissatisfied with the education received, or is unable to find employment after graduation;
- notifying his/her lender or loan servicer if he/she
  - moves or changes addresses,
  - changes telephone numbers,
  - changes names,
  - changes Social Security numbers, or
  - changes employers or his/her employer's address or telephone number changes,
  - is making monthly payments on his/her loan after the grace period ends, unless a deferment or forbearance has been granted; and
- notifying his/her lender or loan servicer of anything that might alter his/her eligibility for an existing deferment or forbearance.

A borrower should thoroughly read the information, including rights and responsibilities, included as part of the Master Promissory Note.