



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AFFECTING YOUR 2008-09 STUDENT LOAN

Dear Student:

The national credit crisis in conjunction with Federal legislation (The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007) has caused significant instabilities within the student loan industry. Many student loan lenders are reducing their borrower benefits and some lenders are exiting the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) entirely. FFELP consists of Stafford loans, PLUS loans (for parents), and graduate PLUS loans.

How does this affect you? **The majority of Georgetown University's Stafford loan borrowers need to complete new master promissory notes (MPNs) for the 2008-09 academic year.** If you have taken out a Stafford loan in the past, you fall into one of four categories detailed below. Please read carefully to identify which population pertains to you and how to proceed to obtain your federal Stafford loans in the 2008-09 academic year.

- 1) Your prior Federal Stafford loan(s) was obtained through either **Citizens Bank or College Board**. Neither of these lenders is able to offer loans to Georgetown University students. **You must complete a new MPN with a new lender.**
- 2) Your prior Federal Stafford loan(s) was obtained through **Bank of America (BOA)**. SallieMae and BOA have severed their servicing agreement. This means that BOA will be originating all of their student loans for the 2008-09 year. Your last year's BOA Stafford loan MPN is held by SallieMae and they will be the servicer of the loan(s) when you enter repayment. **If you wish to keep all of your loan payments with one servicer, you must complete a new MPN with a lender from our Federal Stafford Loan Comparison Chart. If you wish to retain BOA as your lender for your federal Stafford loan(s), you must complete a new MPN with BOA directly via the Great Lakes website** (<http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentloans>). Retaining BOA as your lender for 2008-09 will result in you having to make at least two payments to different servicers every month once your loan goes into repayment.
- 3) Your prior Federal Stafford loan(s) was obtained through **Dollar Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Independence Federal Savings Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, Nellie Mae, Regions Banks, Sallie Mae Education Trust, SunTrust Bank, or Wachovia Bank**. **Your MPN is still valid** and your lender is currently able to disburse funds to your student account via electronic funds transfer.
- 4) If your lender is not listed above or you are unsure who your lender is, you will need to visit one or both of these websites to assist you. **The National Student Loan Data System** (<http://www.nslds.ed.gov>), which requires your FAFSA PIN along with personal data to access your account. **SallieMae's Opennet** website also can be a useful resource (<https://opennet.salliemae.com>).

If you are a student who must complete a new MPN, please act swiftly to ensure the timely delivery of your federal loan proceeds to your student account.

Sincerely,

The Office of Student Financial Services