

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Documentation of Disability Status
2025-2026**

Student's Name _____ Winthrop ID Number _____

Records at the U.S. Department of Education indicate you had a federally funded educational loan discharged due to total and permanent disability. Before we can process your 2025-2026 application, our office must determine if you are eligible to borrow a new educational loan or TEACH Grant.

Choose Only One

- Will not borrow loans:** I have federally funded educational loans discharged due to total and permanent disability. I am seeking financial aid but do not wish to borrow a new federally funded educational loan or TEACH Grant.

Student's Signature

Date

- Will borrow loans:** I have federally funded educational loans discharged due to total and permanent disability. I am now seeking to obtain a new federally funded educational loan or TEACH Grant.

To meet the requirements to qualify for a new loan, you must provide a signed physician's statement that you may now engage in "substantial gainful activity." **The statement must be from a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) and use the words "substantial gainful activity."** Students who provided a physician statement for 25/26 probably will not need to provide a new physician statement. Contact the Office of Financial Aid to confirm a new statement is not needed.

I have attached the required documentation mentioned above. I understand that taking out a new federally funded educational loan or TEACH Grant cannot be later discharged for any present impairment unless it deteriorates so that it is once again a total and permanent disability.

Student's Signature

Date