2016 - 2017 Ability to Benefit Form

A. Student’s Information:

Student Name: ___________________________________________ NSHE ID: ____________________________________________

B. Overview:

The U.S. Department of Education requires you to demonstrate your academic ability to benefit for federal student aid programs. You can demonstrate your ability to benefit for federal student aid programs by documenting your high school completion status.

C. High School Completion Status - Please check only one box below & document your circumstances:

- □ High School Diploma
  
  Please provide:
  
  • Copy of the student’s high school diploma; OR
  • Copy of the student’s final high school transcript which includes the date the high school completion

- □ GED Completion
  
  Please provide:
  
  • Copy of the student’s GED Certificate; OR
  • Copy of the student’s GED Transcript

- □ Home Schooled Students
  
  • Provide a transcript or the equivalent signed by the student’s parent or guardian that lists the secondary school courses completed by the student and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education

- □ Did Not Complete High School butexcelled Academically in High School
  
  Please provide:
  
  • Documentation from the high school that the student excelled academically; AND
  • Documentation from a postsecondary institution that the student met its formal, written policies for admitting such students

- □ State Certificate
  
  • Provide a copy of the certificate the student received after passing a state-authorized examination which the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma

- □ Two-Year Program Completion
  
  • Provide a copy of the student’s academic transcript showing the student has completed at least a two-year program acceptable for full credit towards a bachelor’s degree OR completed an associate’s degree program

- □ Military Service
  
  • Provide a copy of the student’s DD Form 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty, if it indicates high school graduate or equivalent

D. Sign this Worksheet:

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all information reported on this form is complete and correct under penalty of perjury.

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Student Signature                                                          Date