PERKINS STUDENT LOANS: STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Perkins Student Loan is a serious legal obligation. Your promissory note, which you sign when you receive Perkins funds, is a legally enforceable contract in which you agree to repay the loan with interest. Therefore, it is extremely important that you understand your rights and responsibilities. When you, the student borrower, sign this statement, it means that you understand your responsibilities, and you agree to honor them.

1. I understand that I must, without exception, report any of the following changes to the Financial Aid Office:
   - If I withdraw from school, or go below six-semester hour status
   - If I transfer to another school, or go below six-semester hour status
   - If my name should change (for marriage or any other reason).
   - If my address, or my parents’ addresses changes.
   - If I wish to apply for defendant or cancellation as provided in the Perkins promissory note.

2. I understand that when I graduate or withdraw completely from N.V.C.T.C., I must arrange for an exit interview by contacting the Financial Aid Office.

3. I understand that I will begin repaying my loan at the end of the nine-month grace period which begins when I am no longer enrolled for at least six semester hours at N.V.C.T.C. (Borrowers who received a first Perkins Loan before July 1, 1987 will have a six-month grace period.)

4. I understand that my monthly payment will be at least $40.00, and that I will have up to ten Years to pay the loan plus interest. My monthly payment will be more than $40.00 if necessary to complete the repayment within ten years.

5. I understand that the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE of 5.00% will be the FINANCE CHARGE based on the unpaid balance, and that it begins to accrue at the end of the grace period specified in item 3.

6. I understand that my Perkins loan can be partially or totally cancelled under certain circumstances:
   - Death or permanent total disability
   - Full time teaching of handicapped children, or in a designated school serving low-income students.
   - Full time work in specified Head Start Programs.
   - Peace Corps or VISTA service.
   - Full-time law enforcement or corrections employment.

   I understand that it is my responsibility (or the responsibility of my next of kin or other appropriate person) to apply for cancellation by contacting the College.

7. I understand that if I serve as an enlisted person in certain specialties of the U.S. Army, Army Reserves, or Army National Guard, I may be eligible for a Defense Department loan repayment program, and that I must apply through the appropriate military authority.

8. I understand that I may apply for deferment of Perkins repayments under certain
circumstances:
- Half-time (or greater) enrollment in an eligible school.
- Active-duty military service.
- Service in VISTA, Peace Corps, ACTION, or comparable organization.
- Service in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.
- Full-time active duty, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. Corps.
- Temporary total disability
- Caring for a temporarily totally disabled spouse/dependent.
- Service in an eligible medical internship or residency program.
- If the mother of a pre-school age children, earning less than $1.00 over the hourly minimum wage.
- If pregnant, caring for a newborn, or caring for a child immediately after adoption.
- During a period of hardship, as determined by the College. (Interest accrues during a hardship deferment).

I understand that deferment periods vary, and that some restrictions apply.

9. I understand that if I do not repay my loan on schedule, it is considered in default, and that the following collection measures may be taken:
   - N.V.C.T.C. can demand immediate payment in full of principal, interest, and penalties.
   - N.V.C.T.C. can employ a commercial collection agency to collect my loan.
   - N.V.C.T.C. can assign my loan to the U.S. Income Tax refunds as a result.
   - N.V.C.T.C. can sue to collect the loan.

10. I understand that the status of my loan will be reported to a credit information bureau, affecting my credit rating.

11. I agree to answer promptly any communication regarding my Perkins loan.

12. I understand that I may prepay all or part of my loan without penalty.

13. I understand that if I can not make a payment on time, I must contact the Loan Collection Officer, Community Technical Colleges, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105, (203-725-6658), to make arrangements to pay.

14. I authorize N.V.C.T.C. to contact any other school, I may attend or have attended, to obtain information relevant to the handling of my Perkins loan.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND WILL ADHERE TO THESE TERMS.

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Date                                Signature of Student                             For the College