

written verification that the borrower is in an approved national service position, then forwards the form to the loan holder at the address provided by the AmeriCorps member. The loan holder will act upon the request.

This form has been adopted by many of the larger loan holders (e.g., Sallie Mae) and is given to their borrowers with the loan holders' own logos at the top of the form. Indeed, the form was originally developed with the assistance of Sallie Mae and representatives of several student loan associations.

Having a separate form for forbearance based on AmeriCorps service clearly distinguishes it from forbearance requests based on one of the other conditions for which a borrower may be eligible (e.g., military service, employment in certain low income areas, student status).

Several other loan holders have chosen to modify their own existing forbearance request forms by including an additional option—"AmeriCorps service" or "national service"—to the choices already available. The Corporation verifies national service participation using all types of forms presented to it, on a loan holder's unique form as well as the OMB approved form.

The form needs some minor revisions to clarify certain sections and to facilitate processing of the information. First, to delete an extra box for the SSN; then, to reduce the amount of text in bold type, add a statement of purpose to the member's section, identify the service dates as mandatory, limit the form to a single loan holder each, and add the National Service Trust's toll-free number.

The Corporation seeks to continue using this particular form, albeit in a revised version. This is a voluntary form. It is one way to provide verification to a loan holder that one of its borrowers is eligible for the mandatory forbearance, at the same time allowing the borrower to request the forbearance from the loan company. The Corporation will continue its policy of verifying AmeriCorps participation on any form the loan holder wishes to use. The current form is due to expire March 31, 2002.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Forbearance Request for National Service.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0030.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* AmeriCorps participants and the holders of their qualified student loans.

*Total Respondents:* 6,500 annually.

*Frequency:* Average of once per year per loan.

*Average Time Per Response:* One minute for the AmeriCorps member to complete the form.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 108 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

*B. Interest Accrual—Renewal (OMB #3045-0053)*

The Corporation pays all or a portion of the interest that accrues during a period of national service for those who successfully complete their service and have had their loans in forbearance during the service. Using the current form, AmeriCorps members complete the top section and indicate their dates of service. Then they mail the form to the loan holder who indicates the total amount of interest that accrued during the service period, or indicates a daily accrual rate. The loan holder also adds the address where the payment should be sent and returns the form to the National Service Trust. When the Corporation receives this information, it is reviewed for accuracy and is either paid or returned to the loan holder or lender for additional information.

The revisions address the most common causes for delays in processing interest payments. The changes modify the title for consistency, reduce the number of days prior to completion of service for submitting the form, delete an extra box for the SSN, more clearly identify the member's address information, identify the service dates as essential, request loan type information and if more than one loan is cited loan numbers, more clearly identify the space for grace period information, request the lender's address be complete and legible, add to the lender's certification a statement that the loans cited are in forbearance, and add a space for the lender's fax number. The current form is due to expire March 31, 2002.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Interest Accrual Form.

*OMB Number:* 30045-0053.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* AmeriCorps members and the holders of their qualified student loans.

*Total Respondents:* 6,500 annually.

*Frequency:* Average of once per year per loan.

*Average Time Per Response:* Three (3) minutes, total (one minute for the AmeriCorps member to complete the

form, and two (2) minutes for the loan holder).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 325 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

**Charlene R. Dunn,**

*Director, National Service Trust.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 14, 2002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites

public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Student Financial Assistance**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application and Promissory Note.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 162,915.

Burden Hours: 81,458.

*Abstract:* This form is the means by which an individual applies for and agrees to repay a Federal Direct PLUS Loan.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of the Undersecretary**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of the Governor's Report Forms.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 2,240.

*Abstract:* Section 4117 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) requires state chief executive officers to submit to the Secretary on a triennial basis a report on the implementation and outcomes of Governor's SDFSCA programs. ED must report to the President and Congress regarding the national impact of SDFSCA programs.

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