Michigan
Engineering Incentive

BENEFITS

> Zero Percent (0%) Interest Rate – We will automatically reduce the interest rate on your loan to zero percent (0%) at the start of repayment, and will continue the rate at zero percent (0%) as long as you meet the continuing eligibility requirements.

> Origination Fee – The origination fee will either be paid on your behalf by your lender or your loan will be credited with an amount equal to the origination fee after it has been fully disbursed.

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY

1. You must live and work in Michigan when you are out of school and your loan has entered repayment, and

2. Keep your loan current throughout repayment, or if eligible, through deferment and/or forbearance.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. You must be either a Michigan resident attending school in Michigan or anywhere else in the United States, or a non-Michigan resident attending a Michigan school.

2. You must be enrolled in an approved engineering or technology major at a participating school.

3. Your loan must be a Stafford loan for your junior (third-year undergraduate), senior (fourth-year undergraduate), or fifth-year undergraduate school years.

4. You have obtained your Stafford loan from MHESLA or any of the Michigan lenders that have agreed to sell this loan to MHESLA. Eligible loans are Federal Stafford Loans first disbursed on or after August 1, 2005.

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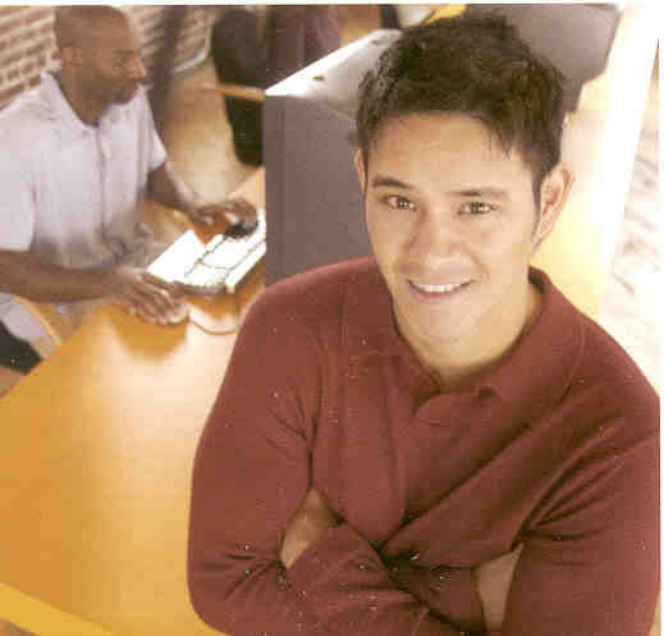

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

You must complete and return a Michigan Engineering Incentive Participation Form. Do this at the time you accept the financial aid award package from your school. Forms are available on our Web site at www.mistudentloans.com, or you may contact our office by e-mail at MHESLA@michigan.gov. Our toll-free telephone number is 888-MHESLA1 (888-643-7521) if you wish to call for a form. Participation requests received after the last day of your loan period will not be considered.

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CONSOLIDATION LOANS

Federal Consolidation Loans do not qualify for the Michigan Engineering Incentive, nor may you transfer the zero percent (0%) interest rate to a consolidated loan. Therefore, if you consolidate Michigan Engineering Incentive loans, you will lose the 0% interest benefit.

PLUS LOANS

Federal PLUS Loans do not qualify for the Michigan Engineering Incentive.

PARTICIPATING LENDERS

Contact us to request a list of the lenders that sell loans to MHESLA. This list is online on our Web site, www.mistudentloans.com.

SAVINGS AVAILABLE

Your savings will depend on the amount of eligible loans you have and the length of repayment. The following examples identify the approximate savings available through the Michigan Engineering Incentive.

The examples use the 6.8% Stafford loan federal interest rate and a ten-year repayment period.

Loan Amount	2% Origination Fee*		Interest		Incentive Savings
$ 5,000	$100	+	$ 995	=	**$1,095**
$10,000	$200	+	$1,990	=	**$2,190**
$15,000	$300	+	$2,984	=	**$3,284**

*Origination fee from 7/1/06 through 6/30/07.

CONSIDERING A CAREER IN ENGINEERING OR ANOTHER HIGH-TECH FIELD? Then, you need to get to know the Michigan Engineering Incentive.

The Michigan Engineering Incentive is a unique program designed to encourage more students to consider study and careers in the engineering and technology fields. The goal is to help pay for your studies...then keep your know-how in Michigan after you graduate.

The Michigan Engineering Incentive is a win-win for students and Michigan's economy. It will help students achieve their personal goals, and help grow our economy by meeting the need for a highly-skilled, Michigan-based workforce.

The Michigan Engineering Incentive provides:

>Zero percent (0%) interest rate throughout repayment of an engineering student's loan.

>Payment or reimbursement of the origination fee the federal government charges for its student loans.

The Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority reserves the right to revise or discontinue offering the Michigan Engineering Incentive at any time.

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For additional information, or if we can assist you in any way, please contact our office at:

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