



Fresh Start Student Acknowledgment

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced an initiative—called “Fresh Start”—to help eligible borrowers in default. Fresh Start will continue through one year after the COVID-19 payment pause ends. If your loans are eligible, you’ll temporarily regain several student aid benefits and also get the opportunity to get out of default and keep those benefits for the long term.

Please complete this form and return to FinancialAid@BatesTech.edu or drop it off at one of our campus locations.

Student Full Name (print clearly)	ctcLink ID Number
Preferred Email Address	Preferred Phone Number

**What benefits do I get now?**

- Access to Federal Student Aid
- Stopped Collections
- Eligibility for Other Government Loans
- Restored Ability to Rehabilitate Loans

**What benefits can I get later?**

- Access to Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans
- Access to Student Loan Forgiveness Programs
- Access to Short-term Relief (Forbearance and Deferment)

**Acknowledgment**

Bates Technical College policy is to only award grants to Fresh Start students. No new loans will be processed.

For more information, please go to <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/default-fresh-start>

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am eligible for Title IV aid as a result of the Fresh Start initiative. As a Fresh Start-eligible borrower, I understand that, by accepting Title IV HEA federal student aid during the Fresh Start period, I am agreeing to have my defaulted loans transferred to a new loan servicer – the company that will manage my loan - which will result in continued Title IV, HEA federal student aid eligibility beyond the Fresh Start period. I understand that this transfer may not occur immediately and that I can contact the holder(s) of my defaulted loan(s) to request transfer sooner.*

Student Signature	Date
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