SELECTIVE SERVICE VERIFICATION

Name: ________________________________ Mercer ID #: ________________________________

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We have received your Student Aid Report/Application for Financial Aid. Before we can process your information, the Federal Government is requiring that we obtain verification from you of your selective service registration status. Please indicate your status below and return this form with the required documentation requested to the Office of Student Financial Aid Planning.

SECTION A (CHECK ONE)

☐ I am female and am not required to register for selective service. **Required Action:** Sign and date this form and return to the Financial Aid Office.

☐ I am at least 18 but not yet 26 and have not signed up for selective service. **Required Action:** Go to your local US Post Office and sign up for selective service. Send a copy of your selective service card or number to the Financial Aid Office.

☐ I am at least 18, but not yet 26, and have signed up for selective service. **Required Action:** Send a copy of your selective service card or number to the Financial Aid Office.

☐ I am age 26 or over and have signed up for selective service. **Required Action:** Send a copy of your selective service card or number to the Financial Aid Office.

☐ I am not registered with selective service because I meet at least one of the following conditions for exemption listed below. **Check all that apply.**

☐ Currently in the U.S. Armed Forces and on active duty (does not apply to members of the Reserve and National Guard who are on active duty);

☐ I was not yet 18 when I completed the FAFSA. (An update is not required during the year, even if you turn 18 after completing the FAFSA).

☐ Born before 1960;

☐ Citizens of the Republic of Palau, Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia, who are employees of their government, are not required to be registered. All other citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia are not required to be registered during their first year in the U.S.; however, citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia who live in the U.S. for more than one year for any reason except as a student or employee of the government of his homeland must register with Selective Service.

☐ Noncitizens, who first entered the U.S. after they turned 26, are not required to register. **Required Action:** See Page 2, Section C for explanation of documentation needed.

☐ Noncitizens, who entered the U.S. as a lawful nonimmigrant on a valid visa and remained in the U.S. on the terms of that visa until after they turned 26, are not required to be registered. **Required Action:** See Page 2, Section D for explanation of documentation needed.

☐ None of the above applies. **Required Action:** See Page 2, Section B for explanation of documentation needed.
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SECTION B

Please provide the following documentation:

1. Exemption Letter from Selective Service:
   Request a Status Exemption letter from the Selective Service System. If you are unable to open the link paste or type the following address into your browser: http://www.sss.gov/PDFs/SilForm_Instructions.pdf. Print the form and submit as instructed. If you have questions, please call the Selective Service Department at 1-847-688-6888.

2. Written Statement of Failure to Register:
   Following receipt of the Status Exemption Letter, prepare a complete, typed or word processed statement with details explaining why you failed to register for Selective Service. The format of the statement must start with your full name and Mercer ID number with the next line containing the subject-Selective Service Appeal. Provide a complete a description of your situation as possible: where you were living during the period when you should have registered, whether you were incarcerated or institutionalized, your citizenship status during the period, if applicable. If incarcerated or institutionalized, a complete record clearly demonstrating such confinement occurred from entering age 18 until at least age 26. NOTE: A statement indicating a lack of knowing about the registration requirement is not sufficient for an appeal.

3. Documentation supporting your Statement of Failure to Register:
   Provide any documentation you have to substantiate your statement and reasoning.

Submit all prepared items from above to the Office of Student Financial Planning for review. Please allow approximately 14-21 days for the review to take place.

SECTION C

Immigrants who enter the U.S. over the age of 26 must submit the following supporting documents:

1. Documentation of birth date from a U.S. driver’s license or state ID, birth certificate, or passport, and

2. Immigration entry date into the U.S. from: a) a date stamp on their I-94 form, b) a dated passport immigration stamp entry documenting when they immigrated into the U.S. or c) a letter from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) indicating their entry date.

SECTION D

Immigrants who enter the U.S. between age 18 and 26 and are on a valid visa until their 26th birthday must submit the following supporting documents:

1. Documentation of birth date from a U.S. driver’s license or state ID, birth certificate, or passport, and

2. Immigration entry date into the U.S. prior to age 26 from: (a) a date stamp on their I-94 form, (b) a dated passport immigration stamp entry documenting when they immigrated into the U.S., or (c) a letter from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) indicating their entry date, or

3. A student visa form (I-20) or other valid U.S. passport visa stamp with expiration date (dates must be from entry date until age 26).

When the above information is received, we will continue with the processing of your financial aid application, including all grants, loans, and work-study for which you have applied.

☐ I certify that all the information supplied on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my request for financial aid will not be processed until all required forms are on file in the Office of Financial Planning.