

Date: _____

Student Name/Student ID number: _____

Re: Alternative Loan Application

Dear Student,

We have recently received your request to borrow through _____ Alternative Loan Program during the 2009-10 academic year. It appears you have not applied for federal financial aid assistance by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at NC State advises students to complete the FAFSA in order to assess eligibility for the federal financial aid programs before applying for alternative sources of aid. The alternative loan programs are considered "last resort" loans which are certified **after** federal, state and institutional programs are awarded or ineligibility is determined, and generally carry higher interest rates and other charges than the federal loan programs. Please consider completing the **FAFSA** online at: <http://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Whether you choose to complete the FAFSA or not, the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid requires all alternative loan borrowers to complete and return the NC State Institutional Financial Aid Application (available online at www.ncsu.edu/finaid/forms.htm). This form allows us to confirm projected enrollment plans, housing arrangements and any outside scholarship/ financial assistance you may be receiving during the academic year. **Please complete and return this application** as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Complete the bottom section of this letter indicating whether or not you plan to complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA application and return it to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. (DO NOT DETACH) . If you have any questions about application and /or awarding of financial aid, please contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (919) 515-2421. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

I authorize the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at NC State to certify the alternative loan application without my completion of the 2009-2010 FAFSA form. I understand that eligibility for federal financial aid will not be assessed.

Student Signature

Date

*****OR*****

I plan to complete/ have completed the 2009-2010 FAFSA form. Do not complete the alternative loan application until my eligibility for federal financial aid has been assessed.

Student Signature

Date