



NEWS ALERT
**Lela Announces 2009-10
 Participation in FFELP**

Louisiana's non-profit student loan provider

Dear Colleagues,

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As Louisiana's non-profit student loan provider, Lela is committed to providing the people of Louisiana with Stafford, GradPLUS and continuing PLUS loan access for the 2009-10 academic year. As you may know, due to legislative changes reducing lender yields and the global credit crisis causing lender cost of capital to surge, it has become economically unfeasible for Lela to originate student loans through traditional methods. Thus, Lela will originate loans for the 2009-10 academic year through the Department of Education's (DOE) new Participation program initially set up during the 2008-09 academic year.

Outlined below are details impacting our programs for the upcoming year. Please keep in mind that we will continue to keep you informed on an ongoing basis as more information is provided to us by the DOE.

Many thanks for your support of Lela's programs and services which benefit our student and parent borrowers. We look forward to working with you through the upcoming academic year.

The Lela Team!

2009-10 Lela Program Updates

Loan Originations : All Lela 2009-10 Stafford, GradPLUS and PLUS loans must:
 -Be certified using the same lender code # 805149
 -Reflect a first disbursement date on or after May 1, 2009, but no later than July 1, 2010
 -Be certified for a loan period that includes, or begins after July 1, 2009
 -Be fully disbursed by July 31, 2010

NEW Plus Originations: Lela did not pre-qualify to bid in the PLUS auction for the 2009-10 year. Therefore, Lela will NOT originate any PLUS loans for NEW borrowers after June 30, 2009.
 Note: Lela will continue to originate PLUS loans for continuing borrowers and Grad-PLUS borrowers for the 2009-10 academic year.

Disbursement of Funds: Effective July 1, 2009, Lela will offer disbursing services only through Edfinancial Services. If your school is using other methods at this time, you will be contacted in the near future to discuss your disbursing options.

HELP Teachers and HELP Nurses: All Lela loans with a first disbursement date on or after 4-1-09 will NOT be eligible for the HELP Nurses and HELP Teachers interest waiver offers. These programs have been suspended until further notice. All borrowers with a HELP eligible Lela loan first disbursed prior to 4-1-09 may continue to apply for interest waivers.

Origination Fees: Lela will no longer pay origination fees on Stafford loans certified with a first disbursement date on or after 5/1/09.

Borrower Benefits:

Program	Fees Waived	Interest Rate Reductions/Savings	Effective Date
Stafford (sub & unsub)	NO Default Fee* with a NO FEE Guarantor	0.25% interest rate reduction when borrower signs up for auto debit service	For new loans disbursed on or after 5/1/09
Grad PLUS	NO Default Fee* with a NO FEE Guarantor	0.25% interest rate reduction for when borrower signs up auto debit service	For new loans disbursed on or after 5/1/09
Parent PLUS (continuing borrowers only)	NO Default Fee* with a NO FEE Guarantor	0.25% interest rate reduction when borrower signs up for auto debit service	For new loans disbursed on or after 5/1/09

For more information and specific details, please contact your Lela representative or the Lela office at 1-800-228-4755.

- 0.00% Federal Default Fee for loans guaranteed through the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) or Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG)
- NOTE: These offers are valid through 6/30/10. Funds are limited. Lela reserves the right to modify, enhance, reduce or discontinue these discounts at any time without notice.