



# Soka Loan

## Soka Loan Program - Graduate

### Master Promissory Note

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form will be subject to penalties which may include fines or immediate cancellation of all loans borrowed under this MPN requiring immediate repayment of borrowed funds.

#### SECTION A: BORROWER INFORMATION

1. Name (Last, First)

2. SUA - Student ID Number

3. Telephone Number

4. Email Address (non-SUA email)

5. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

6. Passport Number/ 7. Passport Country

8. Permanent Address Line 1

Line 2

City, State/Province

Postal Code

Country

9. References: SUA will use the references you listed on your Soka Loan Application or Entrance Counseling. The information you have provided will be used to make contact with you if we cannot locate you after you graduate or leave Soka University of America.

#### SECTION B: LENDER AND SERVICER INFORMATION

10. Lender (Who I am borrowing from)

Soka University of America (SUA)  
1 University Drive  
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656, USA  
Phone: (949) 480-4000

11. Lending Servicer (Where I will make payments to)

Educational Computer Systems, Inc. (ECSI)  
181 Montour Road  
Coraopolis, PA 15108-9408, USA  
Phone: (888) 549-3274

#### SECTION C: BORROWER REQUEST, CERTIFICATIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND UNDERSTANDING – READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

12. This is a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for one or more Soka Loan(s). I request a total amount of Soka Loan under this MPN not to exceed the allowable maximums. SUA will notify me of the loan type and loan amount that I am eligible to receive. I may cancel a loan or request a lower amount by contacting SUA. Additional information about my right to cancel a loan or request a lower amount is included in the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement and in the disclosure statements that will be provided to me.

13. Under penalty of perjury, I certify that:

- a. The information I have provided is correct and that I will update the MPN each time my information changes.
- b. I will use the proceeds of loans made under this MPN for my educational expenses that I incur and I will immediately repay any loan proceeds that cannot be attributed to educational expenses for attendance on at least a half-time basis at SUA.

14. For each Soka Loan I receive under this MPN, I make the following authorizations:

- a. I authorize SUA to certify my eligibility for all loans under this MPN for a period of 10 years from the original date of signature.
- b. I authorize SUA to credit my loan proceeds to my student account at SUA.
- c. I authorize SUA to release information about my loan to schools, loan servicers and its agents.
- d. I authorize SUA to release information about my loan to the references on the loan and to members of my immediate family.
- e. I authorize SUA and the servicer to contact me regarding my loan requests including repayment of my loan.
- f. I understand that SUA has the authority to verify information reported on this MPN with the servicer and other agencies who can verify information.

#### SECTION D: PROMISE TO PAY

15. I promise to pay to SUA all loan amounts disbursed under the terms of this MPN, plus interest and other charges and fees that may become due as provided in this MPN. I understand that more than one loan may be made to me under this MPN. I understand that by accepting any disbursement issued at any time under this MPN, I agree to repay the loan associated with that disbursement. I understand that, within certain timeframes, I may cancel or reduce the amount of a loan by refusing to accept or by returning all or a portion of any disbursement issued to me. If I do not make a payment on a loan made under this MPN when it is due, I will also pay reasonable collection costs, including but not limited to attorney fees, court costs, and other fees. I will not sign this MPN before reading the entire MPN, even if I am told not to read it, or told that I am not required to read it. I am entitled to an exact copy of this MPN and the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement. My signature certifies that I have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MPN, including the Borrower Request, Certifications, Authorizations, and Understandings in Section C, the Notice About Subsequent Loans Made Under this MPN in Section E, and the terms and conditions described in Section E of this MPN and in the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY RECEIVE ONE OR MORE LOANS UNDER THIS MPN, AND THAT I MUST REPAY ALL LOANS THAT I RECEIVE UNDER THIS MPN.

16. Borrower’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

17. Today’s Date(mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION E: MPN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### DISCLOSURE OF LOAN TERMS

This MPN applies to Soka Loans. Under this MPN, the principal amount that I owe, and am required to repay, will be the sum of all disbursements that are made.

At or before the time of the first disbursement, a disclosure statement will be sent to me detailing the amount of the loan and additional terms of the loan. Important additional information is also contained in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement accompanying this MPN. The Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement and any disclosure statements I receive in connection with any loan under this MPN are hereby incorporated into this MPN. I will be notified of any increase or change in my loan amounts. My eligibility to receive loans and my eligibility regarding loan amounts may change based on changes in my financial circumstances as determined by my Financial Aid Application.

I understand that each loan made under this MPN is separately enforceable based on a true and exact copy of this MPN. I understand that SUA may use a servicer to handle billing and other communications related to my loan.

### LOAN CANCELLATION

I may pay back all or part of a disbursement within the timeframes set by the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement and disclosure statements that I will receive. If I return the full loan within those timeframes, I will not incur any interest charges. If I return a part of a disbursement within those timeframes, the interest charges will be reduced in proportion to the amount returned.

### INTEREST

Unless SUA notifies me in writing of a different rate, the interest rate for any loan I receive under this MPN is determined by the rate published in the academic catalog for the award year the loan was disbursed. For each loan that I receive, I will be notified regarding the interest rate in the loan disclosures. I agree to pay all interest that is charged to me.

Interest does not accrue on a Soka Loan during an in-school, grace or deferment period. Interest accrues on Soka Loan during all other periods (including forbearance periods), starting on the day after my grace period ends. I agree to pay all interest that accrues on my Soka Loan(s).

### LOAN FEE

There is no loan fee for the Soka Loan.

### LATE CHARGES AND COLLECTION COSTS

I will be charged \$20.00 per month if I am late making payments, at the discretion of SUA. If I default on my loans, I will pay reasonable collection costs, plus court costs and attorney fees.

### GRACE PERIOD

I will receive a 6-month grace period of repayment on each loan made under this MPN. The grace period begins after I cease to be enrolled at least half-time at SUA. I am not required to make payments on my loan(s) during this grace period.

### REPAYMENT

I must repay the full amount of the loans made under this MPN. I will repay each loan in monthly installments during a repayment period that begins on the day immediately following the 6-month grace period on that loan. Payments made by me or on my behalf will be applied first to late charges or collection costs that are due then to interest that has not been paid and finally to the principal amount of the loan.

SUA will provide me with sample repayment plan included in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

SUA and/or its third party servicer will provide me with a repayment schedule upon completion of my degree or when I withdraw from the university.

If I am unable to make my scheduled payments, I will contact the loan servicer and/or Office of Student Accounts regarding forbearance options.

I may repay all or part of the unpaid balance on my loans at any time without penalty.

### ACCELERATION

At SUA's option, the entire unpaid

balance of a loan made under this MPN will become immediately due and payable (this is called "acceleration") if any one of the following occurs: (1) I do not enroll as at least a half-time student at SUA; (2) I do not use the proceeds of the loan solely for my educational expenses; (3) I make a false representation that results in my receiving a loan for which I am not eligible; or (4) I default on the loan.

### DEFAULT

The following events will constitute default on my loan: (1) I do not make installment payments when due; or (2) I do not comply with other terms of the loan and SUA reasonably concludes that I no longer intend to honor my repayment obligation. If I default, SUA may capitalize all the outstanding interest into a new principal balance and collection costs will become immediately due and payable.

### LEGAL NOTICES

Any notices required to be given to me will be emailed and/or traditionally mailed to the most recent email/postal addresses SUA has for me. I will immediately notify SUA of a change in address or status as specified in the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

If SUA fails to enforce or insist on compliance with any term of this MPN, it does not waive any right of SUA. No provision of this MPN may be modified or waived except in writing by SUA. Information about my loans will be available through the servicer.

#### NOTICE ABOUT SUBSEQUENT LOANS MADE UNDER THIS MPN

This MPN authorizes SUA to make multiple loans to me to pay my educational expenses during the multi-year term of this MPN, upon my request and upon SUA's annual certification of my loan eligibility. My request will be submitted by "accepting" the loan online via SUA's portal, Learn Account.

Soka Loans may be made under this MPN for subsequent academic years.

I understand that no subsequent loans will be made under this MPN after SUA receives my written notice that no further loans may be made.

## INSTRUCTIONS

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**This Master Promissory Note (MPN) must be filled out completely.**

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1. **Read:** You must read the entire MPN before you sign.

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2. **Making corrections:** If you need to correct or change minor information, please make the correction above in the space nearest the incorrect or missing information. If you need to make a major correction that will not fit in the space provided, please make that correction on page 6 of 6 in the space provided.

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3. **Signature:** Please sign the MPN provided to you. You must retain one copy for yourself and send the original to the Office of Financial Aid. By signing the MPN, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of the MPN, including the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement and agree to repay the loan(s) in full according to the terms and conditions of the MPN.

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4. **Please send to:**

Soka University of America  
Attn: Office of Financial Aid  
1 University Drive  
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656  
USA

Electronic copies will not be accepted. Only original MPN with wet signature is accepted.

**Contact Information:**

**Educational Computer Systems, Incorporated (ECSI)**

181 Montour Run Road  
Coraopolis, PA 15108-9408  
Phone: (888) 549-3274  
[www.heartlandecsi.com](http://www.heartlandecsi.com)

**Office of Student Accounts**

Phone: (949) 480-4043  
Email: [studentaccounts@soka.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@soka.edu)

**Office of Financial Aid**

Phone: (949) 480-4342  
Email: [financialaid@soka.edu](mailto:financialaid@soka.edu)  
[www.soka.edu/financialaid](http://www.soka.edu/financialaid)

**Important Notice:** *This Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement provides additional information about the terms and conditions of the loans you receive under the accompanying Master Promissory Note (MPN) for the Soka Loan. Please keep this Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement for your records. You may request another copy of this Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement at any time by the Office of Financial Aid.*

*Throughout this Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement, the words "we," "us," and "our" refer to SUA. The word "loan" refers to one or more loans made under the accompanying MPN.*

### 1. The Soka Loan Program.

The Soka Loan Program includes the following loans: Soka Loan and Soka Graduate Loan.

You must complete a Financial Aid Application before you receive a Soka Loan.

Soka Loans are made by Soka University of America (SUA). We contract with ECSI to process Soka Loan payments, deferment and forbearance requests, and other transactions, and to answer questions about Soka Loans.

Interest does not accrue while you are in school or during the grace period.

### 2. About the MPN.

You may receive more than one loan under this MPN for a period of up to 10 years to pay for your educational costs.

### 3. Use of Your Loan Money.

You may use the loan money you receive only to pay for your authorized educational expenses for attendance at SUA. Authorized expenses include the following:

- Tuition
- Room & Board
- Institutional fees
- Health insurance fee
- Books
- Supplies
- Equipment
- Dependent child care expenses
- Transportation
- Commuting expenses
- Rental or purchase of a computer
- Loan fees and/or
- Other documented, authorized costs.

### 4. Information you must report to us after you receive your loan.

You must notify the SUA about certain changes.

Until you graduate or otherwise leave school, you must notify the SUA Office of Financial Aid in writing if you:

- Change your email address, permanent address or telephone number;
- Change your name (for example, maiden name to married name);
- Do not enroll at least half-time for the loan period
- Do not enroll at SUA;
- Stop attending school or drop below half-time enrollment;
- Transfer from one school to another school;
- Graduate

You must also notify your servicer if any of the above events occur at any time after you receive your loan.

### 5. Amount You May Borrow.

The actual loan amount you may borrow will be determined by your cost of attendance, length of the program, Expected Family Contribution, and other financial aid you receive.

### 6. Interest Rate.

The interest rate on your Soka Loan is a fixed rate. Different fixed interest rates may apply to separate loans made under this MPN depending on which academic year the loan is first disbursed, and whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student. You will be notified of the interest rate for each loan you borrow in a disclosure statement that we send to you.

Interest accrues during repayment and forbearance. Interest does not accrue on the Soka Loan while you are enrolled in school at least half-time, during your grace period, and during deferment periods.

If you do not pay the interest as it accrues on the Soka loan, we will add it to the unpaid principal amount of your loan. This is called "capitalization." Capitalization increases the unpaid principal balance of your loan, and interest then accrues on the increased principal amount. We capitalize unpaid interest when you resume payment after periods of deferment or forbearance.

### 7. Disbursement (how your money will be paid to you)

For loans that are awarded for the entire academic year (two semesters), you will receive two disbursements in equal amounts. Each disbursement will take place at the beginning of the semester after the add/drop period.

Your funds will be disbursed directly to your student account. If your loan is more than the amount of the university charges (tuition, fees, room, board, etc.), the credit balance will be issued to you as a refund check unless you authorize SUA to hold the credit balance for you.

### 8. Canceling Your Loan

Before your loan money is disbursed, you may cancel all or part of your loan by notifying SUA. After your loan is disbursed, you may still cancel your loan by making a written request and paying back all of the funds. Once your loan is in repayment, there is no way to cancel your loan. You may still pay back the entire loan without penalty but you must also pay the interest accrued.

### 9. Grace Period

You will receive a 6-month grace period on repayment of each Soka Loan that you receive. Your 6-month grace period begins the day you stop attending school or drop below half-time enrollment. You do not have to begin making payments on your loan until after your grace period ends.

### 10. Repaying Your Loan

The repayment period for each Soka Loan that you receive begins on the day after your grace period ends. Your servicer will notify you the day that your first payment is due.

You must make payments on your loan(s) even if you do not receive a bill or repayment notice.

You will be automatically placed into the standard repayment plan. You will make fixed monthly payments and repay your loan in full within 10 years from the date the loan entered repayment. Your payments must be at least \$50 a month (\$600 a year) and will be more, if necessary, to repay the loan within the required time period.

You may request an extended payment plan which can lower your monthly payments but will cost you more in interest over time. Under this plan you may make fixed monthly payments and repay the loan within 12-30 years starting from the end of your initial grace period. The extended repayment plan is limited to borrowers with an outstanding balance totaling more than \$25,000. The maximum repayment term is 30 years. You may request an alternative repayment plan by contacting the Office of Student Accounts at SUA.

#### 11. Late Charges and Collection Costs

If you do not make any part of a payment within the due date, late charge of \$20 may be assessed each month the loan payment is late. If you do not make payments as scheduled, we may require you to pay other charges or fees involved in collecting your loan.

#### 12. Demand for Immediate Repayment

The entire unpaid amount of your loan becomes due and payable (this is called "acceleration"), if you:

- Receive loan money but do not enroll at least half-time at SUA for the semester you received the funds;
- Use your loan money to pay for anything other than educational expenses;
- Make a false statement that causes you to receive a loan that you are not eligible to receive; or
- Default on your loan.

#### 13. Defaulting on Your Loan

Default (failing to repay your loan) is defined in detail in the Terms and Conditions section of your MPN. If you default:

- We will require you to immediately repay the entire unpaid amount of your loan.
- We will require you to pay reasonable collections fees and costs, plus court costs and attorney fees.
- We will report your default to the national US consumer reporting agencies.
- You will lose eligibility for loan deferments.

#### 14. Consumer Reporting Agency Notification

If you default on a loan we may report you to the US national consumer reporting agency which will have a negative impact on your credit history. If a consumer agency contacts us regarding objections you have raised about the accuracy of the information we have provided, we are required by law to provide the agency with a response.

#### 15. Deferment and Forbearance (postponing payments)

If you meet certain requirements, you may receive deferment that allows you to temporarily stop making payments on your loan. If you cannot make your scheduled loan payments, but do not qualify for a deferment, we may give you forbearance. A forbearance allows you to temporarily stop making payments on your loan, temporarily make smaller payments, or extend the time for making payments.

##### *Deferment*

You may receive a deferment while you are:

- Enrolled at least half-time at an eligible school;
- A volunteer in Peace Corps;
- A full time member/officer of U.S. Armed Force or in the U.S. Public Health Service;
- Graduate/Fellowship

In order to receive a deferment, you must submit a "Deferment Request Form" with supporting documentation to your loan servicer, ECSI, for review.

If you are in default of your loan, you are not eligible for a deferment.

You are not responsible for paying the interest on your loan during a deferment period.

##### *Forbearance/ Economic Hardship*

We may grant you forbearance if you are temporarily unable to make your scheduled loan payments for reasons including but not limited to financial hardship or illness.

We may give you a forbearance if:

- The total amount that you owe each month for all of the student loans under this MPN is 20% or more of your monthly gross income.
- Granted economic hardship for William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan, or Federal Perkins Loan Programs for the current period of time;
- Unemployed (for a maximum of three years; you must be diligently seeking work. Proof of your diligent employment search may be required);
- Temporarily/totally disabled.

To request forbearance, submit a "Forbearance/Economic Hardship Request Form" with supporting documentation to Office of Student Accounts at SUA.

You are responsible for paying the interest on Soka Loans during the period of forbearance/ economic hardship.

#### 16. Discharge (having your loan forgiven)

We will discharge your loan if:

- You die. We must receive acceptable documentation;
- You become totally and permanently disabled. We must receive acceptable documentation.

In certain cases we may also discharge your loan if:

- You could not complete your program of study because SUA closes;
- Your loan eligibility was falsely certified;
- A loan in your name was falsely certified as a result of identity theft.

## Repaying your Soka Loan(s) - Graduate

The following example details the estimated costs of your loan once repayment has begun at the end of your grace period. These are estimated payment calculated using a fixed interest rate of 6.0%. The interest and payment schedule does not necessarily reflect your specific loan(s).

You may pay back your loans at any time in full without penalty. Once interest has started to accrue, you must pay the interest accrued in addition to your principal balance. However, if you pay off your loan early, you are not responsible for future interest, only the interest accrued and the principal balance. The interest rate is subject to change. Please refer to the terms and conditions of this MPN.

Amount Borrowed	Standard Plan (10 Years)		
	Monthly Payment	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Paid
\$10,000	\$111	\$3,322	\$13,322
\$15,000	\$167	\$4,984	\$19,984
\$20,000	\$222	\$6,645	\$26,645
\$25,000	\$278	\$8,306	\$33,306
\$30,000	\$333	\$9,967	\$39,967
\$35,000	\$389	\$11,629	\$46,629
\$40,000	\$444	\$13,290	\$53,290
\$45,000	\$500	\$14,951	\$59,951
\$50,000	\$555	\$16,612	\$66,612

Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar.

### Notes

Please add corrections or comments here: