



# LEHIGH UNIVERSITY®

## Petition for Institutional Aid (interruption of 8 *consecutive* semesters)

Eligibility for institutional aid at Lehigh University is limited to 8 ***consecutive*** semesters (unless you are enrolled in a bona-fide 5-year program such as IBE or IDEAS). If you experienced a disruption in enrollment, upon your return you are no longer eligible to receive institutional need-based aid. You may petition to continue to receive institutional need-based aid despite not being enrolled in one or more semesters by completing the requested information below.

NOTE: If you are unable to obtain a first bachelor's degree in 8 consecutive semesters, you may be required to complete an additional petition form for an additional semester of aid. Institutional aid is provided to assist students in obtaining a bachelor's degree. Petitions for additional aid will not be granted to students who choose to enhance their bachelor's degree with additional credentials (i.e. second major/minors) and are unable to do so during the 8 consecutive semesters.

### Section A:

Please indicate the reason for your break in enrollment:

- Fall 20\_\_ Reason(s) for leave: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spring 20\_\_ Reason(s) for leave: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a student statement** to further explain the reasons for the interruption in your studies. If the reason for the leave is due to poor academic performance, please highlight the steps that you have taken to ensure that your performance will improve.

### Section B:

Will this interruption require you to be enrolled beyond 8 consecutive semesters from your initial enrollment at Lehigh?

- No
- Yes: If yes, indicate the term(s) in which you will be enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: *You must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits/term (full-time) to be considered for Institutional Aid. However, a student may petition for institutional aid consideration at less than full-time for their final term.*

### Section C:

You will be notified of the petition decision **7 – 10 business days** following receipt of the request. If your request for institutional aid is denied, you should contact your financial aid counselor to discuss alternative financing options. If you are making academic progress based on the [University's Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) policy, you may still be eligible for Federal Aid. If you are not meeting Federal SAP requirements, you will need to complete the [Petition for Review of Financial Aid Eligibility](#) in lieu of this form.

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Student Name

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Student LIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please submit to Lehigh University's Office of Financial Aid  
Via LU FileSender at [go.lehigh.edu/lufilesender](http://go.lehigh.edu/lufilesender) or by mail  
You may also contact our office at (610)758-3181 or [financialaid@lehigh.edu](mailto:financialaid@lehigh.edu)