

**USAASC – STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
CHAIN OF COMMAND ENDORSEMENT**

NAME (Print or Type – First Middle Last)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	SERIES / GRADE
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1. I hereby certify that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this agreement and have ensured the attachment of the necessary information on each loan, for which USAASC may make payments on behalf of the above-named employee.

2. Pursuant to OPM regulations, 5 CFR § 537.105, I hereby certify that in the absence of the loan repayment benefits contemplated in this agreement, [AGENCY COMPONENT] would encounter difficulty in filling the position of (name of position) with a highly-qualified candidate (or retaining a highly-qualified employee in the position of (name of position)), for the following reasons:

3. When selecting the above-named employee to receive loan repayment benefits, I have adhered to merit system principles and have taken into consideration the need to maintain a balanced workforce in which women and members of racial and ethnic minority groups are appropriately represented in Government service.

4. To my knowledge, approval of this agreement does not create any inequitable treatment of candidates and employees and has been exercised consistent with the diversity goals and needs of this [AGENCY COMPONENT].

1st LEVEL ENDORSEMENT:

Name: _____

Series/Grade _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

2nd LEVEL ENDORSEMENT:

Name: _____

Series/Grade _____

Signature _____

Date: _____