



Student Loan Program

About LPFA and Lela – Our Mission

The Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (“LPFA”) established its student loan program in 1984 to make higher education more accessible and more affordable to students and parents in Louisiana. LPFA operates and markets its student loan program under the name of Louisiana Education Loan Authority (“Lela”).

LPFA is a **non-profit public trust** established in 1974 whose mission is to further education, healthcare, economic development, and job creation in Louisiana in order to make Louisiana a better place to work, live, and raise our families. Since 1974, the LPFA has issued over **\$16 billion in bonds** and LPFA financings have led, on average, to an **additional 7,745 to 8,333 jobs per year** and **additional personal earnings of \$158.6 to \$202.3 million per year** for the Louisiana economy.

Student Loan Program Profile/Statistics:

Borrowers: LPFA’s student loan programs have provided loans to more than **360,000** students and parents since 1984. Our discounted student loan program, SuperTop, has provided loans to over **54,000** students and parents. Lela is the second largest provider of student loans in Louisiana and is Louisiana’s only statewide student loan secondary market.

Portfolio: **\$437,044,776** in loans were outstanding as of January 2006. Over **\$1.3 billion** in bonds have been issued to fund loans as well as to purchase loans on a secondary market basis since 1984. **In 2005, LPFA originated approximately over \$94 million in new SuperTop loans and over \$50 million in consolidation loans.**

Projected SuperTop Savings for Students and Parents: **\$ 83.33 Million Potential Savings**
(From inception in 1995 through Dec. 2005) **\$ 31.85 Million Estimated Savings**
\$ 18.80 Million Guaranteed Savings

Since 2000, Lela has paid approximately over **\$12 million** in processing fees on behalf of borrowers.

Current Programs – Benefits to Students and Parents

LPFA’s SuperTop program is one of the best and most innovative student loan programs in the country and has been cited by *Business Week* as one of the places “Where the Discounts Are”. Currently, **students can save over 55%** and **parents can save over 48%** in interest and fees during the life of their loan. LPFA’s current savings include:



No Origination Fee for student borrowers! Lela pays all origination fees imposed by the Department of Education for student borrowers —that means more money in the student’s check up front when it is needed most
3% Interest Rate Reduction if the first three years of payments are made timely
Auto Debit Service reduces the interest rate by 0.25%
No Default Fee for Stafford borrowers. Effective 7-1-06, Lela will pay the fee on behalf of student borrowers.

Rebates of up to 6% of Loan Amount — Obtain a Stafford loan through Lela, graduate, and work and live in Louisiana for three years to earn rebates of up to 6% of the loan principal balance (1% after the 1st year, 2% after the 2nd year, and 3% after the 3rd year)

0% interest loans for Louisiana Public School Teachers — Current teachers or students studying to be a teacher who obtain a Stafford loan through Lela can have the interest on their loan waived so long as they are a Pre-K through 12th grade teacher in a Louisiana public school system