# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

## VERIFICATION REGARDING DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUND

For School Use Only – Must be completed by Financial Aid Official. Once completed, please return to the NHSC LRP applicant for submission with their program application.

Student's Name  Last 4 digits SSN

The Financial Aid Official identified below certifies that the above-named student (check one below)

☐ is  ☐ is NOT

from a disadvantaged background (criteria described below). Students from a disadvantaged background have either participated in or would have been eligible to participate in Federal Programs such as the "Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students," "Loans to Disadvantaged Students," or the "Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant Program."

CRITERIA FOR DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUND STATUS:

1. Come from an environment that has inhibited them from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions or nursing school (Environmentally Disadvantaged). The following are provided as examples of "Environmentally Disadvantages" for guidance only and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

   Examples:
   - Person from high school with low average SAT/ACT scores or below the average State test results.
   - Person from a school district where 50 percent or less of graduates go to college.
   - Person who has a diagnosed physical or mental impairment that substantially limits participation in educational experiences.
   - Person for who English is not his or her primary language and for whom language is still a barrier to academic performance.
   - Person who is first generation to attend college.
   - Person from a high school where at least 30 percent of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches.

***– OR –***

2. Come from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds established by the U.S. Census Bureau, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index (Economically Disadvantaged).
   The Secretary defines a ''low income family'' for various health professions and nursing programs included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act as having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of the Department's poverty guidelines. A family is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together or an individual who is not living with any relatives.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICIAL:

Signature  Date

Printed Name  Phone Number

Email Address  Name of School

**Applicant:** Scan and upload this document to your NHSC LRP application **prior** to submitting your NHSC LRP application. You can access your application via the Customer Service Portal, at https://programportal.hrsa.gov/extranet/landing.seam.