

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Proposed
Rules of the Minnesota Office of Higher
Education Governing Supplemental
Student Loans, Minnesota Rules
Chapter 4850

**ORDER ON REQUEST FOR REVIEW
AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL
NOTICE PLAN AND DUAL NOTICE**

This matter came before Administrative Law Judge James E. LaFave upon the request of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (Office) for review and approval of its Additional Notice Plan and Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (Dual Notice). The Office filed its materials on July 8, 2021, seeking a legal review under Minn. R. 1400.2060, .2080 (2019).

Under its Additional Notice Plan, the Office intends to notify and send a copy of the proposed rules, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR), and Dual Notice to:

- post-secondary institutions participating in the Student Educational Loan Fund (SELF) program;
- representatives of the Office's Student Advisory Council, the Office's Financial Aid Advisory Committee comprised of financial aid administrators from various Minnesota postsecondary institutions;
- Firstmark Services, the SELF program's loan servicer; and
- U.S. Bank, National Association of America, N.A., and the banks that provide financing for the SELF loan program.

The Office intends to include a notice on Firstmark Services' website for borrowers and cosigners that directs them to the Office's SELF loan program web page for information about the proposed rules and comment periods.

The Office will also include notices on its billing statements to the up to 100,000 borrowers and cosigners about the proposed rules with the link to the Office's SELF loan program web page for more information on the proposed rule and comment periods.

In addition, to its Additional Notice Plan, the Office will mail the proposed rules, the SONAR, and the Dual Notice to all person who have registered on the Office's rulemaking list. The Office will also notify the legislature but will not notify the Commission of Agriculture because the rule does not affect farming operations.

Finally, the Office will post all rulemaking documents on its rulemaking and SELF loan program web pages.

Based upon a review of the written submissions from the Office,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Additional Notice Plan as described in the Office's Statement of Need and Reasonableness is **APPROVED**.
2. The Dual Notice is **APPROVED**.

Dated: July 13, 2021


JAMES E. LAFAVE
Administrative Law Judge