



Student Financial Services

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Undergraduate Student Effort Adjustment Form Academic Year 2008-09

At MIT, we expect financial aid recipients to pitch in and help with their expenses by working during the summer and borrowing, working, or both during the academic year. The combination of these is your **student effort**.

We have a **summer earnings expectation** that varies by class – **\$1,900 for freshmen, \$2,200 for sophomores, \$2,500 for juniors and \$2,800 for seniors**. Your student contribution listed on your financial aid award letter is ordinarily the same as your summer earnings expectation, unless you have significant savings of your own or high earnings during the prior tax year, in which case your student contribution will be higher. If you are an international student (not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident), you have a zero summer earnings expectation, since we expect that you will either return home and work during the summer (in which case your earnings cover your travel expenses), or that you will stay and work in the United States (in which case your earnings cover your summer living expenses).

The self-help portion of your financial aid package represents loan and work over and above your student contribution. Any outside scholarships, grants and benefits you receive are used to offset your self-help.

You may wonder how your summer earnings expectation relates to your self-help offer. If you don't earn and save what we expect during the summer, you can ask us to increase your self-help by the amount you didn't earn. This gives you a chance to borrow and work for more. This is the form you use to make that request. Please complete it and return it to us at the end of the summer. We will contact you as necessary with any further information or instructions.

1 BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

E-mail address _____ Phone number _____ MIT ID _____

2 EFFORT ADJUSTMENT INFORMATION

Step 1. Enter the student contribution from your most recent 2008-2009 financial aid award letter. \$ _____
This information is on WebSIS at <http://student.mit.edu>.

Step 2. Indicate how much of the student contribution, if any, you will have available to contribute to your 2008-2009 expenses. \$ _____

Step 3. Compute the amount of your student effort adjustment request by subtracting the amount in Step 2 from the amount in Step 1. \$ _____

Step 4. Enter the amount of your student effort adjustment request from Step 3 that you would like to meet through:

Student loan \$ _____ **Term-time work** \$ _____

If eligible, would you like to perform paid community service as your term-time work? Yes _____ No _____