

## Types of Federal Aid

Federal Student Aid Programs include grants and loans. Eligibility for most of these programs is based upon the "demonstrated financial need" of the student applicant and the applicant's family. Financial need is not an eligibility criterion for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan, and the Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan. In order for eligibility to be determined federal student aid applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Students must complete the FAFSA and submit any required documents for any of the Federal Aid Programs listed below.**

**Federal Pell Grant:** The Federal Pell Grant is awarded to undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree. Financial need is determined by information reported on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is a "need based" grant awarded to undergraduate students who are eligible for a Pell Grant. SEOG funds are limited so not all eligible students will be awarded. The FSEOG award (if eligible) will be shown on your Award Notification.

**Federal Direct Student Loan Programs:** Federal Direct Student Loan Programs are low interest loans that undergraduates, graduates and parents of dependent undergraduates may borrow directly from the U.S. Department of Education. They include the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan, the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and the Federal Direct PLUS Loan. These loan programs are designed to help all eligible students and parents, with and without financial need, pay for the student's educational expenses.

### **Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan (also referred to as Stafford Loans)**

Only eligible students may borrow through the Federal Direct Loan Program. The Federal Direct Subsidized loans are made to eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need to help cover their educational expenses. The Federal Direct Unsubsidized loans are loans made to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students but eligibility is not based on financial need. Please visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) to learn more about student loans.

## **Federal Direct PLUS Loan**

Eligible parents of eligible dependent undergraduate students may borrow through the Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program to help pay for educational expenses not covered by other financial aid. Eligibility is not based on financial need, but a credit check is required. Borrowers who have an adverse credit history must meet additional requirements to qualify. The amount parents may borrow is the student's Cost of Attendance minus the Estimated Financial Aid to be received. Please visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) to learn more about the parent plus loans.

## **Need Based and Non-Need Based Loans**

Loans are a resource that can help fund your education. Typically, you do not have to begin repaying loans until 6 months after you leave school or drop below half time. Please see the chart below that provides the various loans available, maximum amount per year and interest rates. The interest rate on federal student loan is fixed.

Before you receive your loan funds, you will be required to

- Complete **Entrance Counseling**, a tool to ensure you understand your obligation to repay the loan; and
- Sign a **Master Promissory Note**, agreeing to the terms and conditions of the loan.

Please visit <https://www.studentloans.gov> to complete Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note

## NEED BASED LOANS

LOAN TYPE	MAXIMUM LOAN PER ACADEMIC YEAR		INTEREST RATE
<b><u>Federal Direct Subsidized Loan</u></b>	\$3,500		<b>4.45% fixed</b> for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2018
800-557-7394	freshmen		
Sign your MPN: <a href="https://studentloans.gov">https://studentloans.gov</a>	\$4,500		<b>5.05% fixed</b> for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018 and before July 1, 2019
Entrance	\$5,500	sophomores	
counseling: <a href="https://studentloans.gov">https://studentloans.gov</a>	juniors and seniors		
<b>Non Need based Loans</b>			
<b><u>Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan</u></b>	\$5,500	Interest accrues while in school	<b>4.45% fixed</b> (undergraduate) and <b>6% fixed</b> (graduate) for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2018
800-557-7394	freshmen		
Sign your MPN: <a href="https://studentloans.gov">https://studentloans.gov</a>	\$6,500		<b>5.05% fixed</b> (undergraduate) and <b>6.60% fixed</b> (graduate) for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018 and before July 1, 2019
Entrance	\$7,500	sophomores	
Counseling: <a href="https://studentloans.gov">https://studentloans.gov</a>	juniors and seniors		
	\$20,500		
	graduate students		
<b><u>Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) and Grad PLUS</u></b>	May borrow up to the total cost of attendance less any financial aid	Interest accrues while in school	<b>7% fixed</b> for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2018
1-800-557-7394			<b>7.60% fixed</b> for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018 and before July 1, 2019
Sign your MPN: <a href="https://studentloans.gov">https://studentloans.gov</a>			