



Federal Direct Loan Guide for Continuing & Career Education Students

As part of your Financial Aid package, you were awarded Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loans. These loans do not require you to have a cosigner, but do require at least half-time enrollment in the college.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loans are interest free while the student is enrolled at least half-time.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans will begin accruing interest from the time of disbursement. The student may opt to pay this interest while enrolled.

Federal Direct Loan terms and conditions for the 2020-21 school year included a fixed interest rate of 2.75%, and a loan origination fee of 1.059% on loans disbursed on or prior to September 30, 2020. The loan origination fees are deducted proportionately each time a loan disbursement is made to the student's account. For more information on Federal Student Loans and the current interest rate, please visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans>.

If you wish to decline or reduce your loan(s), please log into your My.Assumption portal and find your Financial Aid Checklist under the Web Advisor/Self Service menu. Once you have accessed your Self Service page, select the drop down menu from the Financial Aid Counseling tab, and then click on *My Awards*. Select the loan that you want to update and then click on *Change Loan Amount*. Update your change for the appropriate term and click on *Submit Changes*.

How To Secure Your Direct Loan Funding

1. Go to <https://studentloans.gov> and click on the Log In button.
2. Sign in using your (student's) FSA ID username or e-mail address and FSA ID password.
3. From the front page, select "Complete Loan Counseling". Select "Entrance Counseling," and follow the instructions for the online tutorial. This should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
4. Return to the front page and select "Complete Loan Agreement (MPN*)". Choose "Subsidized/Unsubsidized." Follow the instructions and submit after completed. You will need to provide complete separate addresses and contact information for 2 references.
5. You may log out after steps 3 and 4 are completed and submitted. We will receive this information electronically.

Undergraduate Federal Maximum Annual Loan Limits**

	Dependent Student***	Independent Student
Freshman	\$5,500 – no more than \$3,500 of this in Subsidized Loans	\$9,500 – no more than \$3,500 of this in Subsidized Loans
Sophomore	\$6,500 – no more than \$4,500 of this in Subsidized Loans	\$10,500 – no more than \$4,500 of this in Subsidized Loans
Junior and Senior (per year)	\$7,500 – no more than \$5,500 of this in Subsidized Loans	\$12,500 – no more than \$5,500 of this in Subsidized Loans
Maximum Debt (Aggregate Limits)	\$31,000 – no more than \$23,000 of this in Subsidized Loans	\$57,500 – no more than \$23,000 of this in Subsidized Loans

*Master Promissory Note

**This chart shows the maximum amounts that students are eligible to receive. Your awarded amount may be less depending on your FAFSA information and cost of attendance.

***If a Direct Parent PLUS loan borrower's application is denied, the undergraduate dependent student may be eligible for additional Unsubsidized Loan amounts based on the above Independent Student level.

You may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the published length of your program (6 years for most undergraduate students).