



Student Loans July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

(Federal Loan Programs May Not Exceed the Total Cost of Attendance)

Direct (Federal) Subsidized Loans

- Available To: Undergraduate Students
 - Interest Rate: 5.045% fixed for the life of the loan
 - Loan Fee: 1.062%
 - Interest Accrual Begins: 6 months after undergraduate graduation or graduate school
 - Government subsidizes/pays the interest in the interim
 - Grace Period on Repayment: 6 months after you graduate, leave school or drop below half-time
 - Must Demonstrate Financial Need? Yes – Loan amount may not exceed your financial need
 - Eligible Schools: Accredited colleges or universities or career schools
 - Maximum Amount of Time to Borrow: Up to 150% of published program length
 - For example, a 4-year program = 6 years of borrowing eligibility
- | | Dependent | Independent |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| • Annual Loan Limits: | <u>Students</u> | <u>Students</u> |
| ○ 1 st year | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| ○ 2 nd year | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| ○ 3 rd year & beyond | \$5,500 | \$5,500 |
| • Aggregate Loan Limits: | \$23,000 | \$23,000 |

Direct (Federal) Unsubsidized Loans

- Available To: Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Students
 - Interest Rate: 5.045% fixed for the life of the loan for Undergraduate Students
6.595% fixed for the life of the loan for Graduate and Professional Students
 - Loan Fee: 1.062%
 - Interest Accrual Begins: At the time the loan is taken
 - Any unpaid interest will be capitalized (i.e. added to the principal amount of your loan)
 - Grace Period on Repayment: 6 months after you graduate, leave school or drop below half-time
 - Must Demonstrate Financial Need? No
 - Eligible Schools: Accredited colleges or universities or career schools
- | | Dependent | Independent |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Annual Loan Limits: | <u>Students*</u> | <u>Students*</u> |
| ○ 1 st year | \$5,500 | \$9,500 |
| ○ 2 nd year | \$6,500 | \$10,500 |
| ○ 3 rd year & beyond | \$7,500 | \$12,500 |
| • Aggregate Loan Limits: | \$31,000 | \$57,500 |

* includes direct subsidized loan amounts

Graduate & Professional Students

- Annual Loan Limits: \$20,500
- Aggregate Loan Limits: \$138,500**

**includes all federal loans received for undergraduate study



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Direct (Federal) PLUS Loans

- Available To:
 - Parents of dependent undergraduate students – Parent PLUS Loan
 - Graduate and Professional Students – Grad PLUS Loan
- Interest Rate: 7.595% fixed for the life of the loan
- Loan Fee: 4.248%
- Interest Accrual Begins: At the time the loan is taken
 - Any unpaid interest will be capitalized (i.e. added to the principal amount of your loan)
- Grace Period on Repayment: None, however a deferment can be requested while in school
- Must Demonstrate Financial Need? No
- Eligible Schools: Accredited colleges or universities
- Annual Loan Limits: Your school's cost of attendance (COA) minus any other financial aid received
- Aggregate Loan Limits: None

Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs

- Some items for consideration
 - There are many variables at play regarding loan forgiveness
 - Read all material carefully
 - Be diligent and thorough in following through each step of the way
 - While the thought of having a portion of your student loans forgiven sounds great, figuring out if you qualify and knowing what to do next can be confusing
 - Federal government loan forgiveness website
 - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation>

Private Student Loans

- Some items for consideration
 - Read all material carefully
 - Use caution and be sure to know what you are signing up for
 - Calculate your total debt service (total loan amount, monthly payments and length of payments)
 - Consult with your professional financial advisor before committing to the loan
 - Your personal bank or credit union may be an option for you
 - A potential resource when shopping for private loans (website)
 - www.simpletuition.com