



Federal Direct Loan(s) – Quick Facts

Fees:

- 1.057% origination fee on loans originated on or after July 1, 2026
- 4.228% origination fee for Parent/PLUS loans originated on or after July 1, 2026

Interest Rates: fixed rate once the loan is disbursed, annual recalculation for new loans

- Undergraduate students: for loans originated between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027 – 6.52%
- Undergraduate PLUS loan students: for loans originated between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027 – 9.07%
- Statutory maximum: 8.25% for undergraduate loans, 10.5% for PLUS loans

Annual Borrowing Limits:

- Dependent Students (under the age of 24/unmarried/no dependents)
 - Freshman: \$5,500 (\$3,500 Subsidized maximum)
 - Sophomore: \$6,500 (\$4,500 Subsidized maximum)
 - Junior/Senior: \$7,500 (\$5,500 Subsidized maximum)
 - PLUS loan borrowers: \$20,000 per year per student
- Independent Students
 - Freshman: \$9,500 (\$3,500 Subsidized maximum)
 - Sophomore: \$10,500 (\$4,500 Subsidized maximum)
 - Junior/Senior: \$12,500 (\$5,500 Subsidized maximum)

Aggregate Borrowing Limits:

- Dependent undergraduate students: \$31,000 (\$23,000 Subsidized maximum)
- Independent undergraduate students: \$57,500 (\$23,000 Subsidized maximum)
- PLUS loan borrowers: \$65,000 per student

Repayment:

- Repayment is deferred until 6 months after the student graduates, drops below half-time status, or withdraws from school. This is referred to as the grace period which is a one-time deferment for each loan.
- Borrowers can choose to make interest only payments while in school.
- Standard 10-year repayment is what you agree to upon signing your Master Promissory Note. Other repayment options include tiered repayment, graduated repayment, extended repayment and income driven repayment.

Disbursement:

- Student loan funds are sent directly to the school.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be enrolled at least half-time as a degree seeking student in an accredited institution.
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which requires a High School diploma or GED equivalent.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA for Subsidized Direct eligibility.
- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the school.