

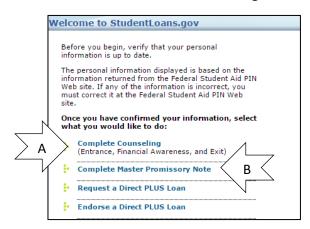
# PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN (PAPER APPLICATION)

- 1) Fill out the 2019-2020 Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: https://fafsa.gov
  - I. If you are selected for Verification, all the required paperwork must be submitted and finalized before a loan can be processed.
- 2) Visit <a href="https://studentloans.gov">https://studentloans.gov</a> and log in using your FSA ID (Username) or verified Email Address & Password





- 3) Complete: Entrance Counseling (→ A) & a Master Promissory Note (MPN) (B ←)
  - I. Do not confuse Financial Awareness for Entrance Counseling.



4) Complete the Federal Direct Loan Request Form (attached)

# **TYPES OF LOANS**

- 1. Direct Subsidized Loan: (Based on financial need) The Federal Government pays the interest while you are in school at least halftime.
- 2. Direct Unsubsidized Loan: Accrues interest while in school.

The interest rate for <u>New Borrowers</u> is **4.53%.** 

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CALL THE STUDENT LOAN SUPPORT CENTER AT (800) 557-7394. EDUCATION LOAN COUNSELORS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS.



## **Annual Loan Limits for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans**

	Subsidized	Unsubsidized	Total subsidized & Unsubsidized
	Dependent Students		
First Year (Freshman) (0-29 credits)	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Second Year (Sophomore) (30+ credits)	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
	Independent Students		
First Year (Freshman) (0-29 credits)	\$3,500	\$6,000	\$9,500
Second Year (Sophomore) (30+ credits)	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,500

# Aggregate (Lifetime) Undergraduate Loan Limits for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

	Subsidized	Unsubsidized	Total subsidized & Unsubsidized
Dependent Students	\$23,000	\$8,000	\$31,000
Independent Students	\$23,000	\$34,500	\$57,500

\*Note: The Maximum Subsidized loan cannot exceed the <u>Financial NEED</u> of the student
\*\*The Total Loan cannot exceed the student <u>COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)</u> for the loan period.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is the current interest rate of Federal Direct Student Loans?

The interest rate for <u>New Borrowers</u> is **4.53%**. \*\*\* (In addition, each loan has an origination fee, which is deducted proportionally from the loan. Check with our office to find out the fee you may be expected to pay for the loans you borrow.)

#### When do I start repaying my student loans?

If you're attending school at least half-time, you have a grace period after you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time status before you must begin repayment. The grace period for a Federal Direct Loan(s) is six (6) months.

- SUBSIDIZED LOAN: During the grace period, you do not have to pay any principal and interest will not accrue.
- **UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN:** You do not have to pay any principal, but you will accrue interest. You can either pay the interest as you go along or you may choose to defer payments until later, but remember that the interest will continue to accrue, and will later be capitalized.

## How can I check the status of my Student Loans?

You can log into your CUNYfirst account by visiting: <a href="https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu">https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu</a> to see the status of your loan. You may also contact your loan servicer. If you do not know who your loan servicer is, you may log into: <a href="https://nslds.ed.gov">https://nslds.ed.gov</a> - using your FSA ID (Username) or verified Email Address & Password - to find out. NSLDS displays information about your loan and/or federal grant amounts, outstanding balances, loan statuses, and disbursements.

### For additional information about student loans you may visit the following websites:

https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized

https://studentaid.ed.gov/

https://studentloans.gov

http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/sub-financial\_aid/Pages/FederalDirectLoan.aspx

\*\*\*Please allow up to two weeks for your Federal Direct Loan(s) to be processed\*\*\*



# <u>2019-2020</u>

# PAPER FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN APPLICATION

Borrower information to be completed by Student (Please print clearly in <u>Black or Blue Ink</u> only. NOTE: Incomplete applications will NOT be processed)

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