



Undergraduate Federal Aid Programs



Federal Student Aid Program	Types of Aid	Program Details	Annual Award Limits		
Federal Pell Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	Awarded to students with exceptional financial need. Award amount is based on the Cost of Attendance, Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and enrollment status of student.	Up to \$5920		
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	A federal grant program for students with exceptional need. SEOG grants are awarded by the school's financial aid office.	Up to \$4000		
Federal Work Study (FWS)	Employment: does not have to be repaid but must be earned	Jobs can be on campus or off campus; students are paid at least federal minimum wage. Money earned from a FWS job is not credited to the tuition bill. Therefore, FWS earnings are typically used to cover indirect costs (book, materials, personal expenses).	No annual minimum or maximum award amounts		
Subsidized Federal Direct Loans	Loan: must be repaid	U.S. Department of Education pays the interest while borrower is in school and during deferment periods. Student must be enrolled at least half-time and demonstrate financial need. For loans issued July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018, the interest rate is 4.45% fixed. A 1.066% loan fee is deducted from each disbursement.	Year in College	Dependent Undergraduate Student (Annual Loan Limits)	Independent Undergraduate Student (Annual Loan Limits)
			First Year	\$5,500 (maximum subsidized amount allowed = \$3,500)	\$9,500 (maximum subsidized amount allowed = \$3,500)
			Second Year	\$6,500 (maximum subsidized amount allowed = \$4,500)	\$10,500 (maximum subsidized amount allowed = \$4,500)
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans	Loan: must be repaid	Borrower is responsible for interest during the life of the loan. Student must be enrolled at least half-time. Financial need is not a requirement. For loans issued July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018, the interest rate is 4.45% fixed. A 1.066% loan fee is deducted from each disbursement. All undergraduate students may qualify for additional unsubsidized federal funds if a parent is denied a Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loan.	Third Year and Beyond	\$7,500 (maximum subsidized amount allowed = \$5,500)	\$12,500 (maximum subsidized amount allowed = \$5,500)
Federal Perkins Loan	Loan: must be repaid	The Perkins Loan has one of the lowest interest rates (5%) and is awarded by the financial aid administrator to students with exceptional financial need. The interest on the Perkins Loan is subsidized while the student is in school and the student has a 9-month grace period after graduating or leaving college before repayment begins.	\$5,500 maximum		

**Complete the Federal Direct Loan Application
at studentloans.gov**

Options for Financing

Below are descriptions of a few popular options for financing college costs. It is important to note that most families use a combination of financing options to manage the total family share.

Type	Description
Tuition Payment Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interest payments Typically payments are divided over 8 - 12 months Helps to limit the need for borrowing by allowing families to pay college costs from current income Enrollment fee varies by plan Financial aid office provides information about payment plans
Federal Direct PLUS Loan (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed interest rate of 7.00% 10-year repayment typically begins after second disbursement; options available to defer payments while student is enrolled at least half time Credit pre-approval process, valid for 180 days Interest may be tax deductible. Visit irs.gov for more information Parent is solely responsible for loan Annual maximum is determined by the cost of education less any other aid A loan fee of 4.264% deducted from each disbursement Apply at studentloans.gov
Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revolving credit line, much like a credit card that is backed by the portion of the home value that the borrower owns outright Interest rates are most often variable and payments will vary depending on the interest rate and amount owed Do your research as certain fees may apply Interest may be tax-deductible. Visit irs.gov for more information
Home Equity Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-time lump sum loan based on the amount of equity a homeowner has in the property Usually features a fixed rate, payment and term Do your research as certain fees may apply Interest may be tax-deductible. Visit irs.gov for more information
Private Student Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A loan in the student's name Often there are deferred payments while in-school Usually requires a creditworthy co-signer Eligibility and rate are determined by student/co-signer credit bureau score FICO score is used frequently. Visit myfico.com for more information Applicant must compare rates, terms, repayment options, loan limits and fees Usually interest rate is based on LIBOR or PRIME rates (common financial indexes, which are often used as base rates in lending)

Be certain to check with your college financial aid office for additional information.

REPAYMENT ESTIMATOR
standard 10-year Repayment Plan

Loan Amount	Term (months)	Monthly Direct Payment	Monthly PLUS Payment
\$5,500	120	\$57	\$64
\$10,500	120	\$109	\$122
\$19,000	120	\$196	\$221
\$23,000	120	\$238	\$267
\$27,000	120	\$279	\$313
\$35,000	120	\$362	\$406

Payments are rounded to whole dollars. Based on the current year's interest rates of 4.45% for Direct Loans and 7.00% for PLUS Loans.

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