

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships is committed to helping students better understand private education loans and the difference between federal and private loans. We have created this educational piece so that students and their families may become more knowledgeable about student loans.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Consider the following when taking a Private Education Loan:

- Cosigner release
- Interest payment while in school
- Fixed or variable interest rate
- Refinancing
- Origination fee
- Death and disability benefits
- Repayment length

PRIVATE LOAN PROCESS

Once the student has applied and been approved for a private education loan, they must complete counseling with the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships. The loan will be certified once counseling is complete.

Students are required to accept all Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans. No private education loan will be certified until all the student's Federal Direct Loan eligibility has been exhausted.

Please note, private education loans take between 8-10 business days to disburse after certification of the loan.

REPAYMENT

The purpose of this loan repayment chart is to help students (and/or cosigners) better estimate how much they would pay back over time. Remember this is just an estimate as the interest rate, repayment period, and other loan factors may vary for each individual. Please contact the loan lender for specific repayment options that are available to the student (and/or cosigner).

Below is an example of student loan repayment:
Interest Rate - 7.2%

TOTAL AMOUNT BORROWED	REPAYMENT PERIOD	TOTAL PAID
\$5,000	12.8 Years	\$7,658
\$10,000	15 Years	\$16,381
\$15,000	15 Years	\$24,570
\$20,000	15 Years	\$32,761

As a borrower of a private education loan, the student will have two monthly payments; one for their federal loans (subsidized and/or unsubsidized) and one for their private education loan. Private education loans and federal loans cannot be consolidated.

The Federal Student Aid website offers a [loan simulator tool](#) to help borrowers understand different repayment plans and how much interest would be paid over time.

FEDERAL LOAN REPAYMENT PLANS

- Visit the Federal Student Aid website for information on the current federal loan repayment plans: [Federal Student Loan Repayment Plans](#).
- Use the [Loan Simulator](#) to help you choose a repayment plan that meets your needs and goals.

DEFERMENT AND FORBEARANCE

Deferment and forbearance are available to borrowers who are struggling to make payments towards their loans and/or meet other qualifying terms. Any unpaid interest that accrues during these periods of non-payment will capitalize at the end of the period.

While both options will put payments on hold, you will not be making any progress towards paying your loans back. Switching to an Income Driven Repayment Plan with more affordable payments may be a better option. However, [deferment](#) and [forbearance](#) are both better options rather than becoming delinquent or defaulting on your student loans.

Please review the qualifications and pros/cons on the Federal Student Aid website: [Explore Student Loan Deferment and Forbearance](#).

DELINQUENCY AND DEFAULT

Under the Federal Student Loan Program, a loan becomes delinquent the first day after a payment is missed. The delinquency will continue until all payments are made to bring the loan current.

If a loan is delinquent for more than 270 days, it goes into default. Loan servicers report all delinquencies of at least 90 days and defaulted loans to the three major credit bureaus.

Some of the consequences of default include:

- The entire unpaid balance of the loan and any interest is immediately due and payable.
- No longer eligible for deferment, forbearance, or repayment plans.
- No longer eligible for additional federal student aid.
- The loan is reported as delinquent to credit bureaus, damaging the borrower's credit rating.
- Federal and state taxes may be withheld through a tax offset.
- The employer (at the request of the federal government) can withhold money from their pay and send the money to the government through a process called wage garnishment.

ACADEMIC EXPENSES TERM YEAR

Tuition & Fees: \$ + Books & Supplies: \$ = \$

ON CAMPUS → Housing & Food

OFF CAMPUS ↓

Rent: \$ + Utilities: \$ +
Food: \$ + Cell Phone: \$ +
Gas: \$ + Other: \$ +

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ACADEMIC + LIVING =
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$

FINANCIAL AID

Cost of Attendance (COA) is: \$

I currently have this much financial aid (FA): → \$

The maximum I can borrow is (COA - FA =): \$

ACADEMIC EXPENSES + LIVING EXPENSES - FINANCIAL AID =
RECOMMENDED AMOUNT TO BORROW

\$

My Current U-Bill is: \$

I have already borrowed:

Federal Loans: \$

Private Loans: \$

TOTAL: \$

Visit studentaid.gov and log in with your FSA ID

MY FEDERAL LOAN SERVICER IS:



Nelnet
nelnet.studentaid.gov/welcome
1-888-486-4722



EdFinancial
edfinancial.studentaid.gov
1-800-337-6884



MOHELA
mohela.studentaid.gov
1-888-866-4352



Aidvantage
aidvantage.studentaid.gov
1-800-722-1300



Central Research, Inc
cri.studentaid.gov/welcome
1-833-355-4311

Other:

PLC: _____ Aid Year

Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION NOTES:

Lender: _____

Amt Requested: _____

Term/Year: _____

CERTIFICATION NOTES:

Interest Rate: _____

Fixed or Variable

Amt to Certify: _____

Term/Year: _____

Repayment Plan: _____

Check expected graduation date. If incorrect, have student contact the Office of the Registrar.

OTHER NOTES:

Remember to complete the University Scholarship Application Every Year!