

FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
2. Complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling requirements online at <https://studentloans.gov>
3. Submit the Federal Direct Loan Request Form to the Student Financial Aid Office.

ELIGIBILITY

- Student must not be in default on any federal education loan or owe an overpayment of a federal education grant.
- Student must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) in a degree-seeking program.
- Student must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Please refer to the SAP Policy at www.augusta.edu/finaid/policies.php

<u>ANNUAL LOAN LIMITS</u>	<u>AGGREGATE LOAN LIMITS</u>
Maximum amount that can be borrowed per academic year (fall/spring/summer)	Maximum amount that can be borrowed during student’s lifetime
Dependent Undergraduate Students	Dependent Undergraduate Students
Freshman: \$3,500 subsidized + \$2,000 unsubsidized	\$31,000 (no more than \$23,000 can be subsidized)
Sophomore: \$4,500 subsidized + \$2,000 unsubsidized	
Junior/Senior: \$5,500 subsidized + \$2,000 unsubsidized	Independent Undergraduate Students
Independent Undergraduate Students and Dependent Undergraduate Students Whose Parents Cannot Borrow a PLUS Loan	\$57,500 (no more than \$23,000 can be subsidized)
Freshman: \$3,500 subsidized + \$6,000 unsubsidized	Graduate and Professional Students **
Sophomore: \$4,500 subsidized + \$6,000 unsubsidized	\$138,500 (no more than \$65,000 can be subsidized)
Junior/Senior: \$5,500 subsidized + \$7,000 unsubsidized	Health Professional Students **
Graduate and Professional Students	\$224,000 (no more than \$65,000 can be subsidized)
\$20,500 - eligible for unsubsidized only	** this limit includes loans received for undergraduate study **

Taking out a student loan is a serious responsibility—borrow conservatively! To view your loan history, visit www.nsls.ed.gov.

IMPORTANT TERMS

- **Subsidized Direct Loan:** A loan that the federal government pays interest on during in-school status, grace periods and authorized deferment periods. To qualify for a subsidized direct loan, you must demonstrate financial need.
- **Unsubsidized Direct Loan:** A loan that you are responsible for paying the interest on during in-school status, grace periods and authorized deferment periods. You have the option of postponing interest payments while in school. However, the interest continues to accrue and any unpaid interest will be capitalized (added to the principal balance) as you enter repayment.
- **Fees:** A loan origination fee is deducted from each disbursement. For loans first disbursed between 10/01/2015 and 09/30/16, the fee is 1.068% Fees are federally regulated and are subject to change.
- **Interest Rates:** For loans first disbursed between 07/01/16 and 06/30/17, the interest rates are 3.76%% for undergraduate and 5.31% for graduate students. Rates are federally regulated and are subject to change.



Federal Direct Loan Request Form

Office of Student Financial Aid
Summerville Campus
2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: 706-737-1524 Fax: 706-737-1777

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Student ID: _____ Email Address: _____@augusta.edu

Street Address: _____ City: _____
(No P.O. Boxes)

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Expected Graduation Date: ____/____/____ Program of Study: _____

IF YOU ARE WORKING ON PREPARATORY COURSEWORK OR WILL ENROLL AS A POST BACC STUDENT, READ AND CHECK THE NEXT ITEM.

_____ I am working on preparatory coursework and will enroll as a Post Bacc student. I understand that I must complete and sign along with my advisor, the POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATION FORM on an annual basis. The completed and signed agreement is attached to this Federal Direct Loan Request Form.

Select the loan period you wish to apply for: (please check only one)	Reason for Request (please check only one)	Loan Amount and Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall / Spring / Summer: August 2016 thru July 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall / Spring: August 2016 thru May 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring / Summer: January 2017 thru July 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Only: August 2016 thru December 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Only: January 2017 thru May 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Only: May 2017 thru July 2017	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Request <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Additional funds due to grade level change <input type="checkbox"/> Additional unsubsidized funds due to Parent PLUS denial	Please indicate a dollar amount. \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized Loan Only <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan(s)

Initial to indicate that you have read these statements:

_____ I understand that I must be enrolled for at least half-time (6 credit hours) at the time of the loan disbursement in order to be eligible for Federal Direct Loan funds.

_____ I understand that I must have valid Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling records on file in order to be eligible for Federal Direct Loan funds.

_____ I understand that all loans are disbursed in two equal payments. If I am attending fall only, due to graduation, my loan must be prorated based on the number of hours for which I am enrolled.

_____ I understand that if I borrow the maximum loan amount for fall and spring, I **may not** be eligible for a loan during the summer.

BORROWER AUTHORIZATION:

My signature certifies that I have read and understand the information contained in this form. I have completed all requirements and I authorize Augusta University to process my Federal Direct Loan request. I understand that my Federal Direct Loan constitutes a debt that will enter repayment upon the expiration of my grace period, which is six months after I graduate, completely withdraw or otherwise drop below half-time enrollment.

By signing, I authorize Augusta University to receive the proceeds of my Federal Direct Loan via the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) process, and based upon my continued eligibility, to apply these funds toward institutional charges for the specified term(s).

I understand that I may rescind this authorization at any time by providing written notification to the Financial Aid Office within 10 working days prior to the expected disbursement date as provided in the "Notice of Guarantee and Disclosure Statement" provided by my lender/guarantor.

Borrower's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Use Only: COA _____ -EFC _____ -Aid _____ =Sub _____ / Unsub _____

Aid Year _____ Grade _____ Ind / Dep _____ Hours _____ Date Processed _____