

ABOUT TITLE IV FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

All *Title IV* Federal Student Aid Programs refers to the financial aid programs for postsecondary students, authorized under *Title IV* of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (*Title IV, HEA*) and administered by the U.S. Department of Education and listed in 34 CFR 668.1(c) of the Federal Code.

Federal Student Aid at CIRCLE consists of grants, loans, and work-study jobs.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF TITLE IV FEDERAL AID

Federal Pell Grant: Federal Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduates who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. Federal Pell Grants are awards that do not have to be repaid.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Students demonstrating the greatest financial need from the pool of PELL Grant recipients, will receive an FSEOG grant. The minimum award is \$100 and the maximum is \$4000, depending on the number of eligible awardees per year. FSEOGs are grants that do not have to be repaid (in most circumstances).

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/fseog>

Federal Work-Study Program: Part-time work offered by the school to federally eligible students with any level of financial need, regardless of whether they hold a degree of any kind. Positions around the school will be available at an hourly rate of pay. FWS jobs are paid work and this type of aid doesn't have to be repaid.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study>

Federal Loans

Visit: [Types and Terms of Federal Loans](#)

There are several loan programs available to undergraduate students and their parents to help pay for college.

There are two categories of loans, Need-based and Non Need-based.

All loan categories and loan types must be repaid.

The **William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program** offers three types of loans made by the U.S. Department of Education to the student and parents to be used for education-related expenses:

The Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan (need-based) is interest-free to the student only when the student is enrolled in school at least half time (the government pays the interest) and during periods of authorized deferment.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

The Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan (non need-based) is not interest-free at any time. Payments may be deferred while the student is in school at least half time, during the grace period, and during authorized periods of deferment.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

The Direct Parent PLUS Loan is a non need-based loan for the parent(s) of dependent students that helps pay for education expenses up to the cost of attendance minus all other financial assistance. The Parent Plus Loan requires a credit check.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/parent>

Loan Interest rates will be established each year for the Direct Stafford and Direct PLUS loans for which the first disbursements is on or after July 1 through June 30 of the following year. To learn more about Federal Direct Loan interest and fees, visit:

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates>

Loan Types and Terms

Loan Type	Interest Rate	Eligibility	Loan Terms	How to Apply
Direct Subsidized Loan	Fixed Interest Rate (rate for the year will be determined in May 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need-based • Must be enrolled at least half-time • Limited deferment provisions • Limits based on year in school. See chart below. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repayment deferred, no interest while enrolled at least half-time • Interest accrues during 6-month grace period before repayment begins • 1.057% origination fee is deducted from the total loan before you receive the first disbursement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic consideration for this when you apply for financial aid • Must sign Master Promissory Note and complete Entrance Counseling to receive funds. Go to Studentaid.gov.
Direct UnSubsidized Loan	Fixed Interest Rate (rate for the year will be determined in May 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-need based • Must be enrolled at least half-time • Limits based on year in school. See chart below. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest accrues from time loan is disbursed and is capitalized when the loan enters repayment. Interest payments may be made while in school to lower overall payments once loan enters repayment. Repayment of principal deferred while enrolled at least half-time. • Limited deferment provisions • 1.057% origination fee is deducted from the total loan before you receive the first disbursement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic consideration for this when you apply for financial aid • Must sign Master Promissory Note and complete Entrance Counseling to receive funds. Go to Studentaid.gov.
Direct PLUS (Parent PLUS)	Fixed Interest Rate (rate for the year will be determined in May 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-need based • May borrow up to cost of attendance minus other aid • Student must be enrolled at least half-time • Parent borrows on behalf of student. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest begins to accrue upon loan disbursement. • Repayment of principal and interest begins after the loan is fully disbursed. • Limited deferment provisions • 4.228% origination fee is deducted from the total loan before the first disbursement. 	Parent must complete: Direct PLUS Loan application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARENT must sign Master Promissory Note to receive funds. Go to Studentaid.gov. • PARENT must pass Department of Education credit check. Those who apply with a credit-worthy endorser or appeal a decision must complete credit counseling with Studentaid.gov.
Private Loans	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-need based • Credit Check required. • May need a credit-worthy co-signer 	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by lender • Private loans are applied to the aid package first, followed by any other aid.

Loan Limits: to see annual and aggregate limits for each type and category of loan for each undergraduate academic level, visit: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>, and scroll down to “aggregate and annual limits for subsidized and unsubsidized loans.”