

Loan Type	Eligibility	Award Amounts	Interest Rate	Lender/Length of Repayment	Grace Period
Federal Perkins Loan	Undergraduate and graduate students	Undergraduate – average \$1,000 - \$2,000 per year Amount actually received depends upon financial need, amount of other aid, and availability of funds at school	5 percent, fixed	Lender is your school Repay your school or its agent. Up to 10 years to repay, depending on amount owed. Up to 100% of the loan may be cancelled for qualified teachers.*	Nine months beginning after graduation, or the borrower ceases to be enrolled at least half time
Direct Stafford Loan Subsidized** (financial need is required) Unsubsidized** (financial need is not required)	Undergraduate and graduate students; must be enrolled at least half-time	For dependent students: 1 st Year: \$5,500 (\$3,500 maximum subsidized) 2 nd Year: \$6,500 (\$4,500 maximum subsidized) 3 rd Year and beyond: \$7,500 (\$5,500 maximum subsidized) For Independent students: 1 st Year: \$9,500 (\$3,500 maximum subsidized) 2 nd Year: \$10,500 (\$4,500 maximum subsidized) 3 rd Year and beyond: \$12,500 (\$5,500 maximum subsidized)	Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2010: -fixed rate of 4.5% for subsidized loans made to undergraduates -fixed rate of 6.8% for unsubsidized loans made to undergraduates The federal government pays interest on subsidized loans during school and certain other periods The borrower pays all interest on unsubsidized loans	Lender is the U.S. Department of Education; repay the Department Between 10 and 25 years to repay, depending on amount owed and type of repayment plan selected Several repayment plans are available, including Standard, Extended, Graduated, Income Contingent, Income-Based. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is available to Direct Loan borrowers.*	Six months beginning after graduation, or the borrower ceases to be enrolled at least half time
Direct PLUS Loan for Parents	Parents of dependent undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time Borrower must not have negative credit history	Student's Cost of Attendance less other aid student receives	Fixed rate at 7.9 percent for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006; borrower pays all interest	Lender is the U.S. Department of Education; repay the Department Between 10 and 25 years to repay, depending on amount owed and type of repayment plan selected. Standard, Extended, or Graduated repayments plans are available.	Parent PLUS loan borrowers whose funds were first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008, have the option of delaying their repayment on the PLUS loan either 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed or six months after the dependent student is not enrolled at least half-time. During this time, interest may be paid by the parent or capitalized.†
Alternative Student Loans	Undergraduate and graduate students Borrower must meet individual lender credit criteria. Typically an undergraduate student will require a credit-worthy co-signer	Student's Cost of Attendance less other aid student receives	Variable rates, some adjusted quarterly. Dependent on credit-worthiness of borrower or co-signer	Lender is a bank, credit union, or other participating private lender Repay the loan holder or its agent	Varies by lender, typically 3 to 9 months

*Detailed information on cancellation or deferment options can be found at www.Federal Student Aid.ed.gov

**Aggregate Stafford Loan Limits (Maximum Outstanding Loan Debt):
Dependent Students: \$31,000 (\$23,000 maximum subsidized)
Independent Students: \$57,500 (\$23,000 maximum subsidized)

†Capitalized: With subsidized loans in forbearance, unsubsidized loans or PLUS Loans, the student or the student's parents are responsible for paying interest as it accrues on these loans. When the interest is not paid, it is capitalized or added to the principal balance, which increases the outstanding principal amount due on this loan. Interest that is capitalized subsequently accrues interest, adding an additional expense to the loan.

Examples of Typical Direct Stafford Loan Repayments

Initial Debt When You Enter Repayment	Repayment Plan						For Direct Loans Only: Income Contingent ^c (Income = \$25,000)			
	Standard (not to exceed 10 years)		Extended ^a		Graduated ^b (not to exceed 10 years)		Single		Married/HOH ^d	
	Per Month	Total Repaid	Per Month	Total Repaid	Per Month	Total Repaid	Per Month	Total Repaid	Per Month	Total Repaid
\$ 3,500	\$ 50	\$ 4,471	Not available		\$ 25	\$ 5,157	\$ 27	\$ 6,092	\$ 25	\$ 6,405
5,000	58	6,905	Not available		40	7,278	38	8,703	36	9,150
7,500	83	10,357	Not available		59	10,919	57	13,055	54	13,725
10,500	121	14,500	Not available		83	15,283	80	18,277	76	19,215
15,000	173	20,714	Not available		119	21,834	114	26,110	108	27,451
40,000	460	55,239	277	83,289	316	58,229	253	72,717	197	84,352

Payments are calculated using the fixed interest rate of 6.8% for Stafford Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006

a For a Direct Loan borrower the requirement is (1) must have had no outstanding balance on a Direct Loan program as of October 7, 1998, or on the date the borrower obtained a Direct Loan Program loan on or after that date, and (2) must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct Loan Program loans. The amounts were rounded to the nearest dollar and were calculated based on a 25 year repayment plan.

b This is an estimated monthly repayment amount for the first two years of the term and total loan repayment. The monthly repayment amount will generally increase every two years, based on this plan.

c Assumes a 5 percent annual growth (Census Bureau) and were calculated using the formula requirements in effect during 2006.

d HOH is Head of Household. Assumes a family size of two.

Repayment Options

Standard Repayment Plan: You generally pay a fixed amount each month for up to 10 years. Your payment must be at least \$50 a month.

Graduated Repayment Plan: Your payments start out low at first and then will increase, usually every two years. You must repay your loan in full within 10 years. At a minimum, your payments must cover the interest that accumulates on your loans between payments. This plan is tailored to individuals with relatively low current incomes (e.g., recent college graduates) who expect their incomes to increase in the future. However, you'll ultimately pay more for your loan than you would under the Standard Plan, because more interest accumulates in the early years of the plan when your outstanding loan balance is higher.

Extended Repayment Plan: If you're a Direct Loan borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct Loans. Your fixed monthly payment is lower than it would be under the Standard Plan, but you'll ultimately pay more for your loan because of the interest that accumulates during the longer repayment period.

Income-Contingent Repayment Plan: Your monthly payments will be based on your annual income (and that of your spouse, if married), your family size, and the total amount of your Direct Loans. Borrowers have 25 years to repay under this plan, the unpaid portion will be forgiven. However, you may have to pay income tax on the amount that is forgiven. Effective July 1, 2009, Direct Loan parent PLUS borrowers will not be eligible for the ICR repayment plan.

Income-Based Repayment (IBR): Under this plan, your required monthly payment amount will be based on your income during any period when you have a partial financial hardship. Your monthly payment amount may be adjusted annually. The maximum repayment period under this plan may exceed 10 years. If you repay under this plan and meet certain other requirements over a specified period of time, you may qualify for cancellation of any outstanding balance on your loans. Contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center for more information about the Income-Based Repayment Plan.

Federal Perkins Loans: Different repayment options are available. Your payment depends on the amount that you borrow, but the minimum is \$40 per month.