2015-16 Online Loan Information Sheet

Subsidized/Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan:

There are two types of Stafford loans: Subsidized and Unsubsidized. The Stafford loans require at least half-time enrollment, and do not require a credit check or co-signer.

**Subsidized Stafford – undergraduate students only**
- Interest free while you are enrolled at least half-time

**Unsubsidized Stafford – undergraduate and graduate students**
- Interest accrues from the time of disbursement. Interest may either be paid while you are enrolled or capitalized to the principal amount prior to entering repayment.

For more information on Federal student loans and the current interest rate visit [https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans](https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans).

**Steps to secure your Stafford loan funding for 2015-16:**

1. **All Stafford Loan Borrowers:** To accept your financial aid, go to our.crown.edu. Enter your Crown network username and password to login. Select the students tab and then Financial Services. Under 2015-2016 Financial Aid Information click “View and accept your financial aid”

2. **New Stafford Loan Borrowers:** Go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Sign in using your FSA ID and complete the following:
   a. **Master Promissory Note (MPN)**
   b. **Entrance Counseling**

**Undergraduate Stafford Maximum Annual Loan Limits***

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<th>Dependent Student</th>
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<td>Freshmen</td>
<td>$5,500 – No more than $3,500 of this amount may be subsidized</td>
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<td>Sophomore</td>
<td>$6,500 – No more than $4,500 of this amount may be subsidized</td>
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<td>Junior &amp; Senior (each)</td>
<td>$7,500 – No more than $5,500 of this amount may be subsidized</td>
<td>$12,500 – No more than $5,500 of this amount may be subsidized</td>
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<td>Maximum Debt (Aggregate Limits)</td>
<td>$31,000 – No more than $23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.</td>
<td>$57,500 – No more than $23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.</td>
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<td>Graduate and Professional</td>
<td>Graduate students may borrow Unsubsidized Stafford loan up to the cost of attendance as determined by the school. Not to exceed $20,500. Maximum debt - $138,500 (includes Stafford Loans received for undergraduate study).</td>
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*Please note that this chart shows maximum amounts students may receive. The amount you qualify to borrow may be less depending on your cost of attendance, financial need and other financial assistance.

For first-time borrowers on or after July 1, 2013 there is a limit on the maximum period of time (measured in academic years) that you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans. In general, you may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the published length of your program.

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**Loan Fees and Disbursement**
The anticipated fee for Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans is approximately 1%. Loan funds (less the fees) are disbursed directly to the student’s Crown College account and they are evenly split between the terms of enrollment.

**Additional Loan Options:**
Private Educational and Federal Parent student loans can help students pay the remaining balance on their student bill. Applications are available beginning May 1, 2015.

**Private Educational Student Loans:**
Private Educational Student loans are credit based and most students will be required to obtain a credit worthy co-signer. Interest rates and terms of repayment will vary by lender. There are a variety of loan options available, so make sure to research multiple options to find the best fit for your long-term goals.

**Requirements:**
- Student is the borrower.
  - Co-signer requirements are determined by the lender.
  - Co-signer does not have to be a parent.
- Apply early – the loan takes 4 to 6 weeks for processing.

**Steps to Apply:**
- Research and choose a lender.
  - [www.crown.edu](http://www.crown.edu) go to the financial aid page and select private loans. You are not limited to the lenders listed on our website. If you use a bank not listed on the website, you may want to check with them regarding educational loans.
- Apply with your chosen lender.
  - Contact your lender with questions on the status of your loan.

**Federal Parent (PLUS) Loan:**
Parents of dependent undergraduate students may apply for the PLUS Loan. This is a fixed interest rate loan. The anticipated interest rate for 2015-16 is published after June 1. For information visit [https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans](https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans). Interest accrues from the time of disbursement and repayment begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed.

**Requirements:**
- Parent is the borrower.
- Parent (borrower) credit check.
  - Limited to parents who do not have an adverse credit history.
  - If a parent is denied a PLUS Loan, the dependent student may qualify for additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.
- Repayment begins while the student is in school.
  - Deferment options may be available. Contact the loan servicer for more information.

**Steps to Apply:**
1. Go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) and sign in using the parent’s information.
2. Request a Direct Parent PLUS Loan.
3. Complete the PLUS Master Promissory Note.