

2016-2017 Federal Direct Loan Request Form

Student Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	MCC ID #	Date of Birth

MAXIMUM ANNUAL FEDERAL LOAN LIMITS*

ACADEMIC LEVEL	DEPENDENT STUDENTS	INDEPENDENT STUDENTS	INDEPENDENT STUDENTS
First Year (0 – 30 credits)	\$3,500 in subsidized loans (\$1750 max per semester)	First Year (0 – 30 credits)	\$3,500 in subsidized loans (\$1750 max per semester)
	\$2,000 in unsubsidized loans (\$1000 max per semester)		\$6,000 in unsubsidized loans (\$3000 max per semester)
Second Year (31 – 90 credits)	\$4,500 in subsidized loans (\$2250 max per semester)	Second Year (31 – 90 credits)	\$4,500 in subsidized loans (\$2250 max per semester)
	\$2,000 in unsubsidized loans (\$1000 max per semester)		\$6,000 in unsubsidized loans (\$3000 max per semester)

***Direct Subsidized loan** – The federal government will pay the interest on this loan while the student is enrolled for at least 6 credits. Loan requests that exceed the student’s financial need will be awarded as an Unsubsidized Direct loan. *A dependent student may become eligible for \$4,000 Unsubsidized Direct loan if a Parent PLUS loan is denied.*

***Direct Unsubsidized loan** – The student is required to pay the interest on this loan. A student’s financial need will determine the amount of a Subsidized Direct loan that he/she can borrow.

Direct loans are available for students enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits.

Loan Application Procedures (Please indicate the dollar amount of your loan request):

Federal Subsidized* Direct Loan \$ _____ Federal Unsubsidized* Direct Loan \$ _____

I authorize certification of an Unsubsidized Direct loan, if my loan request is more than my Subsidized Direct loan eligibility.

Term(s) Requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Year (Fall & Spring Semesters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Session Only |

Statement of Educational Purpose: Upon signing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Master Promissory Note (MPN), the student certifies that the loan proceeds will only be used for authorized education expenses incurred. I have read and understand the terms and conditions regarding the loan programs offered and I authorize Middlesex County College to certify my loan on my behalf.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: The Federal Direct Loan program has annual and aggregate limits. For more information on these limits, go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/about/announcements/interest-rate>. Once these limits have been reached, your parent may apply for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan or a private/alternative loan to meet your remaining need. These loans are credit based and borrowers must apply and be approved prior to these loans being included in their financial aid package. Students must notify the Financial Aid Office when a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan or a private/alternative loan has been approved. Dependent students whose parent have been denied a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan are eligible for additional funding through the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Before you submit the request for a Direct Student Loan, you must complete the following steps:

- Go to www.studentloans.gov, sign in using your FSA ID, and complete **Entrance Counseling and the Master Promissory Note (MPN)**
 - Entrance Counseling is required by federal law for all students who wish to borrow through the Federal Stafford Student Loan Program. Entrance Counseling will help you understand all of your rights and responsibilities as a borrower.
 - The MPN is an agreement between you and your lender. You and the lender agree to the terms of the loan and you promise to repay the loan.
 - Be sure to print out a copy of both your Entrance Counseling confirmation page and your completed MPN.

Loan Type	General Information	Interest Rate	Origination Fee *
Subsidized Loan	You are not responsible for paying the interest on the loan while you are in school at least half-time during deferment periods. Interest will accrue on this loan during the grace period.	3.76%	1.069%
Unsubsidized Loan	You are responsible for paying interest that accrues on the loan from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full.	5.31%	1.069%

***Origination Fee** – A loan processing fee is charged as a percentage of the amount of each loan you receive. The Direct Loan program will deduct the loan origination fee at the time of disbursement.

Parent PLUS Loan: The parent of a dependent student can apply for a parent PLUS loan, with an interest rate of 6.31% for the remaining cost of the student's education. The parent applies for the loan at www.studentloans.gov. Once the parent has been approved for the loan, the student can submit the loan request form and a copy of the parent PLUS loan MPN to the Financial Aid Office.

When do you begin repayment of your loan? Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans have a 6-month grace period that starts the day after you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment. You don't have to begin making payments until your grace period ends.

Can I cancel my loan? A loan can be cancelled any time before the loan is disbursed or within 14 days of disbursement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All students need to be enrolled for a minimum of 6 (per semester) to be eligible for a Federal Direct Student loan. Students who are enrolled for only one term will only be eligible to receive half of the total yearly limit.

The last day to apply for a fall 2016 loan will be November 31, 2016

The last day to apply for a spring 2017 loan will be April 31, 2017.