

# Federal Stafford Loans

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# Federal Stafford Loan Policy

1. To obtain a Federal Student Loan, a borrower must:
  - a. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete his/her Financial Aid file.
  - b. Complete the Entrance Interview at <http://mappingyourfuture.org>
  - c. Complete the Application for Federal Stafford Loans
2. First year, first time borrowers may not collect the proceeds of their first loan disbursement until 30 days after the beginning of the class day of their first semester of enrollment at Southern Arkansas University.
3. Reduce/Refusal of requests – The Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to certify a loan amount less than requested by the student or to completely refuse to certify the loan.

I understand that Federal Stafford Loan funds are Federal funds. In order to be eligible I must be seeking a degree and meeting SAU's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. All the policies and procedures for Federal Aid also apply to Federal Stafford Loans. Federal Loan funds do have restrictions on their usage. Loan funds must be used for educational expenses only, such as tuition, fees, books, room and board, etc. ***I understand that I must complete the FAFSA and loan packet each academic year in order to apply for loan funds.***

I understand that upon certification of my first loan request a Master Promissory Note (MPN) may be mailed to me by the lender I have chosen. I must follow the instructions to complete the MPN, and return all required documents to the lender. The lender will not be able to process my loan until they have received this signed and completed MPN. The MPN may be completed at <http://www.saumag.edu/finaid>. **Select online MPN.**

I understand that the loan proceeds will be disbursed in at least **two** disbursements. My lender will notify me of the disbursement dates. I also understand that once the school has received my loan funds, I must be attending at least half-time. Failure to either attend half-time or pick up my loan funds will cause them to be returned to my lender.

## Stafford Student Loan Limits

These loan figures are the maximum amount a student can borrow. However, not all students are eligible for the maximum amount due to other financial aid awarded.

<b>Dependent</b> Students Stafford Loans		Subsidized	Unsubsidized	IF Parent PLUS denied
Freshman	0 – 29 credit hours	3500 per yr	2000 per yr	4000 per yr
Sophomore	30 – 59 credit hours	4500 per yr	2000 per yr	4000 per yr
Junior	60 – 89 credit hours	5500 per yr	2000 per yr	5000 per yr
Senior	90+ credit hours	5500 per yr	2000 per yr	5000 per yr

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Freshman	0 – 29 credit hours	3500 per yr	6000 per yr
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Junior	60 – 89 credit hours	5500 per yr	7000 per yr
Senior	90+ credit hours	5500 per yr	7000 per yr

<b>Graduate</b> Students Stafford Loans	Subsidized	Unsubsidized
	8500 per yr	12,000 per yr

# Application for Federal Stafford Loans

1. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

2. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License State \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

5. Lender Code \_\_\_\_\_ Lender Name \_\_\_\_\_  
++See posted Participating Lender List at the Financial Aid Office or on web page <http://www.saumag.edu/finaid> ---click on SLGFA Current Lenders to pick your lender++

6. Requested amount for loan period indicated \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\*\*see opposite page at the bottom)  
Subsidized Loan Program .....  Yes  No  
Unsubsidized Loan Program .....  Yes  No

7. I want to pay interest while in school (only applies to unsubsidized loans): .....  Yes  No

8. Transfer my loan by Electronic Funds Transfer to SAU student account .....  Yes  No

9. Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

10. Loan Period (Please check only one box.)  Fall & Spring or  Fall or  Spring  
 Both Summers or  1<sup>st</sup> Summer or  2<sup>nd</sup> Summer

I have read the given information and understand the Federal Stafford Loan policies and procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\*\*\*\*\*Office Use Only\*\*\*\*\*

Cost of Attendance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate  
EFC - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dependency Status: Dependent Independent  
Fin Aid Received - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Entrance Interview: Yes  No   
Remaining Need = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Certified Loan Amount: Sub \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Unsub \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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