

Understanding the Student Loan Process

- ✓ Your financial aid file must be complete.
- ✓ Complete the Loan Request Form (LRF). Your loan eligibility is calculated based on the information you supply on the Loan Request Form. If your enrollment changes (i.e., credit hours) from what you have provided, you may not be eligible for your loan. Please estimate carefully.
- ✓ Once your financial aid file and Loan Request Form are complete, the Financial Aid Office will process the loan (**allow two to three weeks for this portion of the process**).
- ✓ The loan area will notify you by email when your loan has been processed.
- ✓ You must have a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling on file before loan funds can be disbursed. The MPN and Entrance can be completed on www.StudentLoans.gov. Additionally, in-person entrance counseling may be required.
- ✓ Students must complete an Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment every year that they accept a new federal student loan. This can be completed at: <https://studentaid.gov/asla>.
- ✓ **Loan funds will not be available until at least 30 days after the first day of the semester.** All federally guaranteed student loans must be distributed in at least two disbursements. Please allow two to four weeks for the first portion of the loan funds to arrive if your loan is approved after the first 30 days of the semester.
- ✓ The loan area will notify you in writing when your loan funds are credited to your account. You must be enrolled in and attending classes at least half-time (six or more credit hours), not on financial aid disqualification, and/or otherwise still eligible for the loan at the time of all disbursements. Credit balances will be mailed to you within 14 days of your tuition being paid or within receipt of your loan funds.

If you have a Business Office or residency restriction, a check will not be mailed to you. Your check will be held in the Cashier's Office pending resolution of the restriction. If the restriction is not resolved within 21 days, the funds will be returned to the U.S. Department of Education.
- ✓ You can request, in writing, that your loan be cancelled any time before the funds are disbursed to you or within 10 days of receiving funds.

150% Subsidized Usage Period

Important Information for New Borrowers (Students with no outstanding federal loan balance as of July 1, 2013.)

There is a limit on the maximum period of time that students can receive Direct Subsidized Loans. If this limit applies, you may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the length of your academic program. The maximum eligibility period is based on the published length of your current academic program (available in the course catalog).

If you are enrolled in a two-year associate degree program, the maximum period for which you can receive subsidized loans is three years (150% of 2 years = 3 years). If you are a part-time student or enrolled for only one term, your maximum eligibility period will be adjusted based on your enrollment.

Because your maximum eligibility period is based on the length of your current program of study, the maximum eligibility period can change if you change to a program that has a different length. Also, if you receive subsidized loans for one program and change to another program, the subsidized loans received for the earlier program will generally count toward your new maximum eligibility period.

If you do not complete your program within your maximum eligibility period and you enroll in the same program, you will become responsible for the interest that accrues on your Direct Subsidized Loans from the date of your enrollment after meeting the 150% limit.

Please visit www.triton.edu/Loans for more information.

Financial Literacy

Consequences of Default

If your loan goes into default, you will be faced with some serious consequences and harsh realities. You will find that one or more of the following may occur:

- Your entire unpaid balance can become due immediately.
- You will lose your deferment options.
- You will not be eligible for future federal/state aid.
- Your account will be reported to credit bureaus, which may affect your ability to obtain a mortgage, car loan, business loan or personal credit.
- Your account may be turned over to a collection agency.
- The federal government can take legal action.
- Your total debt may be increased by the cost incurred in collection action or legal action.
- Your federal tax refund may be seized to pay off your debt.
- You may not be able to be licensed by some professional organizations.

What You Can Do

- Know who holds your loan and how much you owe. Check www.NSLDS.ed.gov.
- Check your credit report www.AnnualCreditReport.com. You are entitled to one **free** credit report per year.
- Complete the free financial literacy counseling online at www.StudentLoans.gov.
- Ask the Financial Aid Office about other financial literacy information and brochures.

Loan Balance Upon Entering Repayment	Standard Repayment Schedule at 2.75% Not to exceed 10 years		
	Per Month	Total Interest	Total Payments
\$5,500	\$52	\$740	\$6,240
\$7,500	\$72	\$1,140	\$8,640
\$10,000	\$95	\$1,400	\$11,400
\$15,000	\$143	\$2,160	\$17,160
\$20,000	\$191	\$2,920	\$22,920
\$25,000	\$239	\$3,680	\$28,680
\$30,000	\$286	\$4,320	\$34,320
\$35,000	\$334	\$5,080	\$40,080

This chart is intended only for comparison purposes, since the examples may not represent actual credit terms. This is only one repayment option available to students. For more information and additional repayment plans, check the "Managing Repayment" section of www.StudentLoans.gov or visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa> for more calculators.

Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Student Loan Borrower

Borrower's Rights

You have the right to know:

- School policy regarding enrollment, attendance and good academic standing.
- School policy regarding when tuition, fees and other expenses must be paid.
- Average student indebtedness (amount borrowed), default rate and graduation rate at your school.
- The consequences of default.
- How financial aid eligibility is determined.
- The financial aid programs available and how to qualify for them.
- The type and amount of loan fees taken from student loan disbursements.
- When loan funds are received and the number of disbursements.
- When repayment will begin and what the average monthly payment will be.
- Information on deferment (postponement of repayment), cancellation and forbearance.
- Any portion of your loan can be repaid early without penalty.

Borrower's Responsibilities

You have the responsibility to:

- Complete your Loan Request Form accurately and timely.
- Provide additional information or documentation, such as income tax forms, if requested.
- Inform the Financial Aid Office of any change in your family's financial circumstances.
- Attend classes regularly and meet the satisfactory academic progress standards.
- Keep track of all your loans and know all terms and conditions regarding repayment and deferment.
- Notify your servicer of any changes to your address, name, telephone number or Social Security number.
- Inform your lender if your graduation date changes, you drop out of school, transfer schools or drop below half-time attendance.
- Participate in Exit Counseling before graduation or if you cease to be enrolled at least half-time.
- Repay your loan whether or not you have completed your education, are satisfied with your education or are able to find a job.

Loan Area Policies

APPROVAL

The Financial Aid Department is authorized, on a case-by-case basis, to deny Direct Stafford Loans to students without documented educational expenses, poor academic performance, prior student loan defaults and/or excessive loan indebtedness.

BOOKSTORE PURCHASES

Students are able to use their student loan funds for the purchase of books and supplies at the Triton College Bookstore only. Students are responsible for books and supplies purchased outside of the Triton College Bookstore.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Loan funds will not be available until at least **30 days after the first day of class**. All federally guaranteed student loans must be distributed in at least two disbursements. Please allow two to four weeks for the first portion of the loan funds to arrive if your loan is approved after the 30th day of the semester.

Students must be enrolled and attending classes at least half-time (six or more credit hours per semester) in a degree or eligible certificate program to be eligible for a student loan. Repeat classes within the same semester do not count toward the six-credit-hour minimum eligibility requirement (i.e., if you are taking a class the first seven-week session and must repeat it in the second seven-week session, the credit hours will not count both times).

Students enrolled in only courses that start later in the term may not be eligible for loan funds until after the add/drop period for the late-start courses.

RETURN OF FUNDS

The amount of federal financial assistance that a student receives is based on the successful completion of all registered coursework. Any student who withdraws from all classes before the 60% completion point for the semester or module will be required to return a portion of any money received. **This includes student loans.**

Direct Parent PLUS Loans

This federal loan is available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. Parents may borrow up to the cost of education, minus other financial aid received, including any other educational loans borrowed. The interest rate is fixed at 5.3%. In addition, there is an origination fee of 4.23% for loans disbursed before Oct. 1, 2020, and for loans disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2020. The origination fee is subject to revision by the Department of Education, will be charged to the borrower and deducted from the loan proceeds before disbursement. Repayment of this loan begins 60 days after the last disbursement is made, but can be deferred until six months after the student graduates or ceases to be enrolled at least half time.

Additional documentation is required for this loan. Parents will need to complete a PLUS MPN and request a Direct PLUS Loan online at www.StudentLoans.gov. See the Financial Aid Office if you need assistance in completing these steps.

2020-2021 Loan Disbursement Schedules

Fall ONLY 8/24/2020- 12/17/2020	Spring ONLY 1/19/2021- 5/14/2021	Summer ONLY 6/1/2021- 8/6/2021	Fall & Spring 8/24/2020- 5/14/2021	Spring & Summer 1/29/2021- 8/6/2021	Fall, Spring, Summer 8/24/2020- 8/6/2021
First Disbursement After 9/23/2020 Second Disbursement After 10/23/2020	First Disbursement After 2/22/2021 Second Disbursement After 3/22/2021	Disbursement dates vary on class start date.	First Disbursement After 9/23/2020 Second Disbursement After 2/22/2021	First Disbursement After 2/22/2021 Second disbursement varies based on class start date.	First Disbursement After 9/23/2020 Second Disbursement After 2/22/2021 Third disbursement varies based on class start date.

IMPORTANT

THESE ARE THE EARLIEST DATES THAT **ANY** LOAN FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE USED FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY.

YOU WILL BE SENT NOTICE BY TRITON COLLEGE WHEN YOUR LOAN FUNDS HAVE ARRIVED.

Federal Direct Student Loan Program (FDSLPL)

Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan		Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
Program Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a low-interest loan designed to provide students with additional funds for college. The federal government subsidizes (pays) the interest which accrues during in-school, grace and deferment periods. You must repay this loan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a low-interest loan designed to provide students with additional funds for college. Interest accumulates during in-school, grace and deferment periods. You must repay this loan.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an undergraduate. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible resident non-citizen. Be enrolled at least half-time (six credit hours or more). Have no unresolved defaults or overpayments owed on Title IV educational loans or grants. Needs Analysis required.¹ Master Promissory Note required. Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an undergraduate. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible resident non-citizen. Be enrolled at least half-time (six credit hours or more). Have no unresolved defaults or overpayments owed on Title IV educational loans or grants. Dependent students whose parents do not qualify for the Parent Federal PLUS Loan may be eligible for additional Unsubsidized Stafford funds. Needs Analysis required.¹ Master Promissory Note required. Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment required.
Maximum Annual Amount²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman (0-29 credit hours complete) – \$3,500 – (if eligible). Sophomore (30+ credit hours complete) – \$4,500 – (if eligible). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent Additional \$2,000 (if eligible). Independent Additional \$6,000 (if eligible).
Maximum Lifetime Amount	Undergraduate students: \$23,000.	Dependent: \$31,000 (including Subsidized Stafford). Independent: \$57,500 (including Subsidized Stafford).
Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal and interest payments are not due while the student is in school, during the six-month grace period after leaving school and during any authorized deferment periods. Payments begin six months after graduation or if enrollment falls below half-time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal payments are not due while the student is in school, during six-month grace period after leaving school and during any authorized deferment periods. Interest payments are due while in school, but can be deferred. If the interest is deferred, it will be capitalized (added to the principal) when repayment begins. Students can choose to pay the interest while in school. Payments begin six months after graduation or if enrollment falls below half-time.
Repayment Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard: 10 years. Payments are a fixed amount of at least \$50 per month. Graduated: 10 years. Payments are lower at first and then increase, usually every two years. Extended: 25 years. Payments may be fixed or graduated (for loan balances above \$30,000). Income-Based (IBR): 25 years. Maximum monthly payments will be 15% of discretionary income, the difference between adjusted gross income and 150% of the poverty guideline for family size and state of residence (other conditions apply). Payments change as your income changes. Income-Contingent (ICR): 25 years. Payments are calculated each year and are based on adjusted gross income, family size and the total amount of direct loans. Payments change as income changes. Pay As You Earn: 20 years. Maximum monthly payments will be 10% of discretionary income, the difference between adjusted gross income and 150% of the poverty guideline for family size and state of residence (other conditions apply). Payments change as income changes. 	
Deadlines	Student Loan Applications will be accepted throughout the school term. Ask the Financial Aid staff for recommended deadlines.	
Interest Rate³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The interest rate is fixed at 2.75%. All semesters are subject to the same interest rates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The interest rate is fixed at 2.75%. All semesters are subject to the same interest rates.
Origination Fees³	Per the Department of Education, a minimal origination fee will be deducted from each disbursement of your awarded loan amount: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origination fee of 1.059% for loans disbursed before Oct. 1, 2020. On or after Oct. 1, 2020 the origination fee is subject to revision by the Department of Education. 	Per the Department of Education, a minimal origination fee will be deducted from each disbursement of your awarded loan amount: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origination fee of 1.059% for loans disbursed before Oct. 1, 2020. On or after Oct. 1, 2020, the origination fee is subject to revision by the Department of Education.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for each year you want to be considered for aid. Financial need is determined from the information provided from the FAFSA. 2. Based on full-year program; will be lower if program is less than a full year. Cannot exceed the cost of education less any other financial aid. Maximum amounts as of 5/2008. 3. The information contained in this publication was correct at the time of printing. Triton College is not responsible for the program or regulatory changes that may have occurred since this guide was printed. 		



2020-2021 Student Loan Request Form

Financial Aid Office, B-160, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, IL 60171

Financial Planning

The following worksheet will help you determine how much you need to borrow. Complete only the areas for which you are seeking assistance through a student loan.	
EXPENSES	Estimated Expenses
Tuition and Fees	
Books and Supplies Use actual costs or estimate \$50 per credit hour.	
Indirect Educational Expenses Estimate room and board/living expenses, transportation and personal expenses. (Please list all.)	
Other Indirect Educational Expenses i.e., Child Care, etc. (Please list.)	
TOTAL (A)	
RESOURCES	Available Resources
Grants and Scholarships Include all funds awarded by the Financial Aid Office. Also include any scholarship funds you expect to receive from third-party organizations.	
Other (Please list.) Include resources such as work earnings, unemployment, or the value of room and board provided or paid on your behalf.	
Family Resources Include gifts to help fund your education, such as tuition or books paid on your behalf.	
TOTAL (B)	
Total amount needed for education – subtract (B) from (A). This is your requested loan amount.	(A-B)

Ask yourself these questions:

- Is it really a good idea to borrow at this time?
- Is borrowing an unsubsidized loan absolutely necessary?
- Do I really need this loan; have I explored all other options?
- Have I examined my budget and cut expenses wherever possible?
- What is my salary expected to be upon graduation; will I be able to afford loan payments?

Please explain in detail the specific reason you are requesting a student loan for 2020-2021. Include any supporting documentation, if necessary.

How much previous loan debt do you have?

Using your FSA ID, go to www.nslds.ed.gov and record your total loan debt here: \$_____.

If you do not know your FSA ID, please visit <http://fsaid.ed.gov> to retrieve your username or password.

How much will your monthly payment be over 10 years?

Go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa>. Use your total loan debt above and the amount you plan on borrowing this year to find your monthly payment under a standard repayment plan.

Enter the calculated estimated monthly payment amount here: \$_____.

Student Information

Student ID _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Loan Information

Loan Period (Check one.)

- Fall 2020 ONLY (Approved amount will be split into two disbursements.)
- Spring 2021 ONLY (Approved amount will be split into two disbursements.)
- Fall 2020 AND Spring 2021 (Approved amount will be split into two disbursements, one in fall, one in spring.)
- Fall 2020, Spring 2021 AND Summer 2021 (Approved amount will be split into three disbursements, one in fall, one in spring, one in summer.)
- Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 (Approved amount will be split into two disbursements, one in spring and one in summer.)
- Summer 2021 ONLY (Approved amount will be split into two disbursements.)

Anticipated Credit Hours _____

Major or Program of Study (Provide your program as it appears in the course catalog.) _____

Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer ____ _____

Loan Amount (Use loan amount from budget on reverse side or enter a smaller amount.) \$ _____

- Check here if you will be participating in the work-study program.

Loan Type (check all that apply)

- Subsidized Stafford (By submitting this form, I will automatically be considered for a subsidized loan.)
- Unsubsidized Stafford
- Parent PLUS (Have your parent complete a PLUS Loan Request and PLUS MPN on www.studentloans.gov.)

Anticipated Graduation Date/Last Day of Attendance (MM/YY) _____/ _____

Students with a bachelor's degree must submit a Triton College Program Plan with their Loan Request Form. Students who already have a bachelor's or higher are only eligible for loans for an **Associate in Applied Science or certificate with Triton College**, or courses that are required for admission to another degree program for a maximum of one consecutive year. The Program Plan should reflect only necessary courses. Forms submitted without a Triton College Program Plan will not be reviewed until this documentation is received.

Students who are transferring to Triton College are strongly recommended to submit their previous college transcripts with a request to have them evaluated by the Records Office. This will ensure awarding at the correct grade level.

Online Requirements

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Entrance Counseling
Log in to studentaid.gov .
Go to "Complete Aid Process."
Click on "Complete Entrance Counseling."
Log in to complete. | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Master Promissory Note
Log in to studentaid.gov/mpn .
Log in to the Applicable Direct Loan MPN
to complete. | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Student Loan Acknowledgment
Log in to www.studentaid.gov/asla .
Follow prompts to complete
acknowledgment. |
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- If you have Direct Loan Counseling (completed with Triton College) and an MPN complete from past years/semesters, you will not need to complete them again with each new application. Check off when these requirements are complete.
- If you have **NEVER** taken out a direct loan before, you will need to complete BOTH the MPN and Entrance Counseling in order for your loan funds to be disbursed.
- A Student Loan Acknowledgment Form must be completed every year. Check off box when this is completed.

Student Responsibilities

- I understand that this loan must be repaid.
- I understand that, as a condition of this loan, I must attend classes and make satisfactory academic progress.
- I understand that the following situations may change my loan eligibility: enrolling in fewer credit hours than indicated on this form; receiving aid from other sources; changing my residency status; or no longer being enrolled in a higher-cost program (i.e., the Nursing Program). If my loan eligibility changes, I understand that I will be responsible for any outstanding charges.
- I authorize Triton College to credit my loan proceeds to my tuition balance for the 2020-2021 school year.
- I understand that the federal funds I receive are solely for expenses related to attendance at Triton College.
- By signing this form, I certify that all information on this form and any attachments are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge (**incomplete forms will be returned**).

By signing this application, I agree that I have read and understand my rights and responsibilities as a borrower.

Signature _____ Date _____