

2011-2012 Direct Stafford Loan

The Sage Colleges participates in the William D. Ford Direct Loan program for all Federal educational loans. The interest rate on a Direct Stafford Loan is usually better than non-Federal alternative student loan rates. The fixed interest rate for a Subsidized Stafford Loan is 3.4% and the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan fixed interest rate is 6.8%. Effective July 1, 2011, Direct Stafford Loans are subject to a 1% origination fee and an upfront interest rebate of 0.5% is offered for borrowers as a repayment incentive. In order to keep the up-front rebate, a borrower must make their first twelve monthly payments on time.

INSTRUCTIONS

All new borrowers must complete the following steps to receive a Stafford Loan:

- Go to Sage \$en\$e online and accept the loans offered to you as part of your financial aid package and accept the Terms and Conditions for receiving financial aid.
- Complete the Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) online.
- Complete the Direct Loan Entrance Counseling online. Entrance counseling is a federal requirement and must be completed before a loan can be disbursed.

The Financial Aid Office will receive notification electronically once your MPN and Entrance Counseling have been completed. Your Stafford Loan(s) will be processed when all three items mentioned above have been completed.

Please note: If you would like to borrow a Stafford Loan but an offer was not included on your award letter, you must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and notify the Financial Aid Office of your intent to borrow the loan.

IMPORTANT FACTS FOR STAFFORD LOAN BORROWERS:

- You must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid application on file for the 2011-2012 financial aid year.
- You must be matriculated and enrolled at least half- time to be eligible for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan. A student is considered half-time if they are enrolled for 6 credits per semester as an undergraduate or 4.5 credits as a graduate student.