

Quick facts about **STUDENT LOANS**

More info online at www.finaid.msu.edu/loans.asp

Stafford (FAFSA required)

Eligibility: enrolled at least half time in a program leading to a degree (or some certificates)

Interest rate: maximum 6.8% fixed

Subsidized or Unsubsidized:

Subsidized ("sub") means loan does not accrue interest while in school.

Unsubsidized ("unsub") means loan does accrue interest but student may choose to defer the interest while in school.

Annual limits:

Student Level	Maximum Subsidized	Max Subsidized and Unsubsidized for Dependent Student	Max Sub and Unsub for Independent Student (or dependent with PLUS replacement under special circumstances)
Freshman	3,500	5,500	9,500
Sophomore	4,500	6,500	10,500
Junior/Senior	5,500	7,500	12,500
Graduate Student	8,500	N/A	20,500
Medical Student	8,500	N/A	40,500

Lifetime limits: (Each limit includes ALL outstanding loans from previous enrollments.):

Dependent Undergrad: \$31,000 (maximum \$23,000 subsidized)

Independent Undergrad: \$57,500 (maximum \$23,000 subsidized)

Grad/Professional: \$138,500 (maximum \$65,500 subsidized)

Medical: \$224,000 (maximum \$65,500 subsidized)

Repayment: begins 6 months after graduating or dropping below half time. Repayment period is usually 10 years or more; minimum monthly payment is \$50.

Perkins (FAFSA required)

Eligibility: generally requires full-time enrollment

Interest rate: 5% fixed

Always Subsidized (does not accrue interest while in school)

Annual limits:

Undergrad: \$5500 per year

Graduate Student: \$8000 per year

Lifetime limits (Each limit includes ALL outstanding loans from previous enrollments.):

Undergrad: \$27,500

Graduate Student: \$60,000 (undergrad and grad combined)

Repayment: begins 9 months after graduating or dropping below half time.

Graduate PLUS (FAFSA required)

Eligibility: at least half-time enrollment in a program leading to a degree

Interest rate: 7.9% fixed through the Federal Direct Loan Program, unsubsidized

Annual limits:

Graduate Student: the annual cost of education ("budget") minus other education aid.

The Office of Financial Aid (OFA) must determine Stafford Student Loan eligibility before a student may borrow under the Grad PLUS program.

Repayment: begins immediately upon graduating or dropping below half time.

Alternative Loans (through private lenders)

Eligibility: varies, must be enrolled, based on a credit check

Interest rates: vary, generally higher than federal loans, may require co-signer

Annual limits: the annual cost of education ("budget") minus other education aid.

Repayment: usually begins 6 months after graduating or dropping below half time.

Short Term Loans

Eligibility: registered students, for education-related expenses, if they have acceptable means of repayment. Students may apply online via StuInfo.

Interest rate: 7 percent

Loan limits:

Undergraduate student: \$450

Grad/Professional student: \$800

Medical student: \$1700

Repayment: 60 days