Student Loan Options Chart

| | Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan | Federal Direct Graduate Plus Loan | Private/Alternative Loan |
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| Annual Loan Limit | \$20,500 | Up to cost of attendance minus financial aid | Most up to cost of attendance minus financial aid |
| Aggregate Loan Limit | \$138,500 | None | Many lenders have no limit. However, some may have a limit of \$150,000 to \$250,000. |
| Eligibility Requirements | Must be U.S. citizen/national or eligible non-citizen | Must be U.S. citizen/national or eligible non-citizen | Must be U.S. citizen/national or eligible non-citizen |
| | Must be enrolled at least half-time (5 credit hours) | Must be enrolled at least half-time (5 credit hours) | May require at least half-time enrollment (5 credit hours) |
| | | Must be credit-worthy | Must meet lender's credit criteria |
| Interest Rate | 7.05 % Fixed | 8.05% Fixed | Determined by lender. |
| | Interest accrues on unsubsidized portion of loan while in school and through grace period and deferment. | Interest accrues while in school, deferment or forbearance and is capitalized at repayment. | Fixed or Variable. Usually based on consumer index plus a margin which can be affected by borrower credit history and other factors. |
| | Interest is capitalized at repayment and continues to accrue on total loan balance | Interest is capitalized at repayment and continues to accrue on total loan balance | For example, one of the private loan interest rates range from Prime rate + 0.74% to Prime rate + 6.24%. The Prime rate is currently at 4.25%, this means that the interest rate on the loan can be as low as 4.99% or as high as 10.49% |
| Fees | 1.057% Federal Origination Fee | 4.228% Federal Origination Fee | Between 0%-6% fees. |
| Deferment/Forbearance | Deferment Options : In-school (full-time/half-time), Economic Hardship, Graduate Fellowship, Unemployment, Rehabilitation Training, Military Service, Active Duty Student | Deferment Options: In-school (full-time/half-time), Economic Hardship, Graduate Fellowship, Unemployment, Temporary Total Disability. Military Service, Active Duty Student | Most lenders defer payments while in school |
| | Forbearance Options: Discretionary forbearance for Temporary Hardship, illness. Mandatory forbearance granted under special circumstances. | Forbearance Options: Discretionary forbearance for Temporary Hardship, illness. Mandatory forbearance granted under special circumstances. | Some lenders offer deferment or forbearance options for Economic Hardship or In-school status. Should contact lender directly for more information. |
| Grace Period | 6 Months | No grace period, but can defer payment for 6 months after you cease to be enrolled half-time. | Determined by lender. Most up to 9 months |
| Repayment Period | Standard is 10 years | Standard is 10 years | Determined by lender |
| | Incoming driven repayment plans including Income- based (IBR) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE), graduated, and extended repayment options available | Incoming driven repayment plans including Income- based (IBR) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE), graduated, and extended repayment options available | Usually 20-25 years |
| | Extended Repayment up to 25 years for borrowers with \$30,000 or more in combined federal loans | Extended Repayment up to 25 years for borrowers with \$30,000 or more in combined federal loans. | CANNOT be consolidated into the Department of Education's Federal Loan Consolidation Program. Please be aware that if federal loans are consolidated into a |
| | Can be consolidated into the Department of Education's Federal Loan Consolidation Program. | Can be consolidated into the Department of Education's Federal Loan Consolidation Program. | <i>private</i> loan consolidation, the federal loan repayment options and benefits will be lost. |

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