## 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 <br> Must be enrolled at least half-time ( 5 credit hours) | Must be U.S. citizen/national or eligible non-citizen Must be enrolled at least half-time ( 5 credit hours) <br> Must be credit-worthy | Must be U.S. citizen/national or eligible non-citizen <br> May require at least half-time enrollment (5 credit hours) <br> Must meet lender's credit criteria |
| Interest Rate | $7.05 \%$ Fixed <br> Interest accrues on unsubsidized portion of loan while in school and through grace period and deferment. <br> Interest is capitalized at repayment and continues to accrue on total loan balance | 8.05\% Fixed <br> Interest accrues while in school, deferment or forbearance and is capitalized at repayment. <br> Interest is capitalized at repayment and continues to accrue on total loan balance | Determined by lender. <br> Fixed or Variable. Usually based on consumer index plus a margin which can be affected by borrower credit history and other factors. <br> 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 <br> Forbearance Options: Discretionary forbearance for Temporary Hardship, illness. Mandatory forbearance granted under special circumstances. | Deferment Options: In-school (full-time/half-time), Economic Hardship, Graduate Fellowship, Unemployment, Temporary Total Disability. Military Service, Active Duty Student <br> Forbearance Options: Discretionary forbearance for Temporary Hardship, illness. Mandatory forbearance granted under special circumstances. | Most lenders defer payments while in school <br> 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 <br> Incoming driven repayment plans including Incomebased (IBR) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE), graduated, and extended repayment options available <br> Extended Repayment up to 25 years for borrowers with $\$ 30,000$ or more in combined federal loans <br> Can be consolidated into the Department of Education's Federal Loan Consolidation Program. | Standard is 10 years <br> Incoming driven repayment plans including Incomebased (IBR) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE), graduated, and extended repayment options available <br> Extended Repayment up to 25 years for borrowers with $\$ 30,000$ or more in combined federal loans. <br> Can be consolidated into the Department of Education's Federal Loan Consolidation Program. | Determined by lender <br> Usually 20-25 years <br> CANNOT be consolidated into the Department of Education's Federal Loan Consolidation Program. Please be aware that if federal loans are consolidated into a private loan consolidation, the federal loan repayment options and benefits will be lost. |



