



**Florida Atlantic University**  
**Office of Student Financial Aid**  
**Stafford Loan Requirements Checklist**

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Student Name (please print)	Student Z Number	FAU Email Address

In addition to accepting their loan award (see the "Accept Your Award" link on [www.fau.edu/finaid](http://www.fau.edu/finaid) for instructions on accepting awards), students who have not previously received a Federal Stafford Loan disbursement through FAU must satisfy the following requirements for their loan(s) to be processed. It is advised the requirements be completed in the order listed:

1. Student must complete Federal Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling (<http://wise.fau.edu/finaid/stafford/counseling.php>).
2. Student must decide on their preferred Federal Stafford Loan lender. As fees and benefits vary among lenders, it is important that students research and compare their options prior to deciding. The FAU Office of Student Financial Aid can process a Federal Stafford Loan with any lender participating in the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Please see <http://wise.fau.edu/finaid/stafford/mpn.php> for informational links to several lenders that have established a record of timely processing with FAU.
3. **Student must complete a Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)** with their preferred lender and submit the completed note to the lender. For many lenders, this requirement may be completed on-line. FAU provides links for on-line MPN completion with several established Stafford Loan lenders at <http://wise.fau.edu/finaid/stafford/mpn.php>. Transfer students who have previously received Stafford Loans from their preferred lender should contact the lender and confirm the MPN is valid for new loans.
4. **After the student has completed ALL of the above steps, the student must submit this form only (NOT THE MPN) to the FAU Office of Student Financial Aid.** The student's loan information will be transmitted to the lender they have identified below. Stafford Loans begin to be disbursed during the third week of each semester to students attending at least half time.

**! DO NOT PROCEED PAST THIS POINT UNLESS YOU HAVE ACCEPTED A FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN AND COMPLETED STEPS 1 THRU 3 DETAILED ABOVE (INCLUDING COMPLETION OF STAFFORD MPN) !**

**FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN LENDER DESIGNATION**

**Please identify below the lender holding your Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note.**

Check here if you are submitting this form to change your designated lender from the one currently on file.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wells Fargo</b> Lender code: 807176 800-658-3567	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wachovia</b> Lender code: 830005 800-338-2243	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Edamerica</b> Lender code: 831453 800-337-1009
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Other Lender (If not listed above, write lender name and complete the following): \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED** 6 Digit Lender Code 8       **REQUIRED** 3 Digit Guarantor Code

Caution: It is advised you confirm your lender participates in electronic loan processing and funds transfer through ELM Resources. Significant delays may result if your lender does not participate.

**By signing below, I certify that I have accepted a Federal Stafford Loan and satisfied all Federal Stafford Loan processing requirements outlined above. I have a completed Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note on file with the lender selected above and authorize all current and future Federal Stafford Loans to be processed through this lender.**

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Borrower Signature	Last 4 Digits of SSN	Date
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## Financial Fact Sheet for Subsidized / Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan Borrowers

As a student loan borrower, you are making a large investment in your education. With this in mind, it is important that you make informed decisions when borrowing money. Towards this end, this fact sheet has been prepared to provide you information about borrowing through the Federal Stafford Loan Program.

Student loans, unlike grants and work-study, are borrowed money that must be repaid, with interest, just like car loans and mortgages. Loans are legal obligations, so before you take out a student loan, think about the amount you'll have to repay over the years.

**Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized:** A Federal Stafford Loan may be either subsidized or unsubsidized. The primary difference between the Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan is who is deemed to be responsible for paying the interest which accrues on the loan while you are enrolled in school in at least half-time status.

On the **Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan**, the federal government pays the interest which accrues while you are enrolled at least half-time, as well as during the six month grace period after you cease to be enrolled in at least half-time status. At the end of this six month grace period, you will be responsible for any future interest which accrues on the loan and will be expected to start making principal and interest payments on the loan.

On the **Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan**, **YOU** are responsible to pay all interest which accrues on the loan from the time it is disbursed. The federal government DOES NOT pay the interest. Like the Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan (above), you will be expected to start making principal and interest payments on the loan after you have ceased to be enrolled in at least half-time status for six months. Though you are not mandated to make any payments on your Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan while in school, it is *strongly* advised that you make the monthly interest payments while in school to avoid this interest from being capitalized. When interest is capitalized, it is added to the current principal balance and a new principal balance amount is calculated upon which future monthly interest charges are based. What this means is, if you choose to allow your interest to be capitalized, you will ultimately be paying interest on previously accrued interest. Please review the chart below to approximate the monthly interest per \$1,000 of Unsubsidized borrowing.

INTEREST	INTEREST RATE									
	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%	7.5%	8.0%
Monthly Interest per \$1,000 Unsubsidized Principal Borrowed	\$ 2.92	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.17	\$ 4.58	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.42	\$ 5.83	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.67

- Stafford Loan interest rates vary based on disbursement date, loan type and student grade level. To find out the interest rates being assessed on your loans, contact your lender.

**Don't Borrow More Than You Can Afford To Repay :** To ensure that your post graduation financial future is successful, it is *very* important that you borrow responsibly while in school. Don't allow yourself to become one of the many students who graduate with an unmanageable student loan debt. Please review the chart below to approximate your monthly payment per \$1,000 of outstanding principal balance of both Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans (be sure to include capitalized interest in your Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan principal balance estimate, if applicable):

PAYMENT	INTEREST RATE									
	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%	7.5%	8.0%	8.25%
Monthly Payment per \$1,000 Principal Balance	\$ 10.12	\$10.36	\$ 10.61	\$10.85	\$11.10	\$11.35	\$11.61	\$11.87	\$12.13	\$ 12.27

- The above chart is based on a 10 year Standard Repayment Term.
- Stafford Loan interest rates vary based on disbursement date, loan type and student grade level. To find out the interest rates being assessed on your loans, contact your lender.
- The minimum monthly student loan payment is \$50.00 per month. If you have a low principal balance, you will be required to pay the minimum \$50.00 per month but likely will be done paying prior to the 10 year term.
- To find out what your current outstanding Federal Stafford Loan principal balance is, visit [www.nslsds.ed.gov](http://www.nslsds.ed.gov)
- A sample loan repayment calculator is available at <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml>.
- When you enter repayment, **MAKE ALL YOUR PAYMENTS ON TIME**. Many of FAU's preferred lenders offer **significant benefits** to borrowers who make their payments on time (and remain on time).