



## Stafford Loan REQUEST FORM

The Stafford Loan is the most widely used low-cost educational loan sponsored by the federal government. There are two types of Stafford Loans:

1. The Subsidized Stafford Loan is a need-based student loan. Interest is paid by the government while the borrower is in school. Features include:
  - Six-month grace period before repayment (Grace period begins when the student graduates, withdraws or drops below half-time status.)
  - Ten years to repay
  - Variable interest rate with a cap of 8.25%
2. The Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is available to students regardless of financial need. The interest is paid by the borrower, not the government. This loan shares the same features as the Subsidized version, but also includes the choice of:
  - Deferring all interest until after graduation.
  - Paying the monthly interest charges while in school.

### Am I Eligible?

You meet the eligibility requirements if you are:

- A graduate student attending school at least half time.
- Free of unresolved defaults on federal education loans.
- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress (as determined by your school).
- A U.S. citizen or have eligible resident status.

### SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

#### How much can I borrow each year under the Federal Stafford Loan program?

For graduate students, the maximum amount that you can borrow each year is \$18,500.

#### How is the interest on this loan determined?

The Stafford Loan carries a variable interest rate, which is capped at 8.25%. The interest rate is based on the 91-day U.S. Treasury Bill (as of July 1), plus 1.7% while enrolled at least part time and 2.3% for loans in repayment.

#### What upfront fees am I paying on my Federal Stafford Loan?

Upfront fees are also called origination fees and guarantee fees. The origination fee is paid to the federal government to help offset program costs. These fees usually range from 0-4% of the loan amount. They are normally deducted from the amount of the education loan before it is disbursed. This means that borrowers get less than the full amount of the loan they request. Some lenders discount or waive the origination fees. Some guaranty agencies also waive their fees.

#### What incentives or interest rate discounts will I receive upon entering repayment?

Borrowers should read the fine print and not be misled by pure percentages. For example, some lenders may offer borrowers a higher interest rate discount after 48 months of consecutive payments. This means that if you pay your student loan bill on time for four years, never once being late for a payment, the lender will give you an interest rate discount. Other lenders may require 24 months of on-time payments to qualify and their discount rate may be a lower percentage. Still others offer borrower benefits with your first payment. Many lenders offer borrowers an interest rate discount when they elect to have their payments automatically deducted from a bank account. Ask your lender what your total savings could be over the life of your loan.

**IF THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU ARE BORROWING A FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN, YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ORDER FOR THE LOAN TO BE PROCESSED.**

# Thomas Jefferson School of Law

## Federal Stafford Loan Entrance Interview

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Name (Please Print Clearly)	Social Security Number	Telephone Number	
Permanent Address (Expected address if graduating)	City/State	Zip Code	Driver's License #

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I understand the following information regarding my student loan(s):

1. I am obligated to repay my loan(s) even if I do not complete the program, am unable to obtain employment, or am otherwise dissatisfied with the education or other services received.
2. I must repay my loans with all accrued interest and deducted fees.
3. I have a maximum of 10 years to repay my loans. (Repayment may be extended if loans are consolidated.)
4. I may prepay all or part of my loans at anytime without penalty.
5. The minimum monthly payment for each loan is \$50 per month, but can be more depending on the amount I borrowed. Repayment will begin following a 6-month grace period.
6. The prevailing interest rate, fees and repayment terms for each loan is specified in my promissory note and/or the loan disclosure statement.
7. I must notify my lender in writing within 10 days if I:
  - Change my name
  - Change my telephone number
  - Change my address
  - Change my graduation date
  - Withdraw from school
  - Enroll less than half time or drop below half time during any term
  - Transfer to another school
8. I will be notified in writing if my loans are transferred or sold to a new holder. I must direct all future correspondence to that new holder.
9. If I qualify for a deferment (or postponement) of my loan payments, I must contact my lender to apply.
10. If I do not qualify for a deferment and I am unable to make payments, I may request a forbearance from the holder of my loans. Forbearance is a lender option; it is not a student entitlement.
11. If I fail to repay my student loans, I will be considered to be in default with the following negative results:
  - I will be reported to a National Credit Bureau and have a negative effect on my credit rating.
  - The entire unpaid amount, including interest, may become due and payable immediately.
  - I may lose my deferment and repayment options.
  - My wages may be garnished.
  - I may be assessed collection costs, including attorney's fees.
  - My federal income tax refunds will be withheld.
  - I will be ineligible to receive any additional federal or state financial aid funds.
  - I may be ineligible to obtain a state professional license in my field.
12. If I have a dispute with my lender I have the right to mediation assistance through the Office of Student Loan Ombudsman at the Department of Education <http://ombudsman.ed.gov> or call toll-free 877-557-2575.

I have read this form and understand the meaning and intent of the information. I have received federal loan counseling including repayment options and debt management information.

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Student Signature – Entrance Interview	Date
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## 200 \_/200 \_ Institutional Application

**A LOAN WILL ONLY BE PROCESSED IF THIS FORM AND DATA FROM A COMPLETED FAFSA ARE COMPLETE.**

Last Name	First	MI.	Social Security #
Address			Telephone #
City	State	Zip Code	Cell Phone #
Date of Birth	Driver's License #	E-mail address	TJSL ID #

### SELECT A LENDER:

Students with previous and/or outstanding student loans should select the same lender for all subsequent student loans. If you are a first time borrower, we recommend that you consider one of the lenders listed below. You will receive a Master Promissory Note (MPN) from Ed Fund or TJSL. Complete this MPN and return to your lender. If you do not select a lender, we will select one for you.

- Higher Education Solutions 833820  
 Access Group 808851  
 Wells Fargo 807176

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED BEFORE AND YOUR LENDER IS NOT LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE LIST YOUR LENDER AND LENDER CODE (IF KNOWN).

LENDER \_\_\_\_\_

LENDER CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTING A FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN:** Stafford Loan eligibility is determined by the Financial Assistance Office based on federal eligibility and financial need. If your eligibility for a Subsidized Loan is decreased due to a packaging change, an Unsubsidized Loan will be used to supplement the decreased Subsidized amount.

If eligible, I accept the maximum Federal Stafford Loan of \$18,500 per academic year

YES  NO \$ \_\_\_\_\_ REDUCED AMOUNT

### VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS:

Are you eligible to receive benefits from Veterans Affairs?

YES  NO

### 1. SELECT OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID THAT YOU ARE REQUESTING:

Work-Study  Perkins Loan  Private Loan

2. If you are a Spring Semester entering student, did you attend another school during the preceding Fall Semester?  
 YES  NO

If yes, school name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Indicate if this is the first-time that you are borrowing a STAFFORD LOAN from TJSL: (If you are a first-time loan borrower, you must complete an Entrance Interview. This can be done on-line at [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org), by selecting the Ed Test icon)

YES  NO

4. Expected enrollment per semester for the academic year:

Full Time (12 or more credits)

Part Time (6-11 credits)

5. Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

6. Designate a Loan Period. Federal loans are processed for a maximum period of two semesters. The academic year for Federal Loans begins with the Fall Semester and ends with Spring Semester. (Please check one loan period below)

Fall/Spring Semesters

Fall Semester Only

Spring Semester Only

### Borrower Information

I authorize Thomas Jefferson School of Law to process my Federal Stafford Loan request. I understand that my Federal Stafford Loan constitutes a debt that will enter repayment upon the expiration of my grace period, six months after I graduate, withdraw, or otherwise drop below half-time enrollment. I have received payment information and realize this is a loan and must be repaid. I have either attended an Entrance Interview or completed the requirement on-line and understand the information pertained within.

Borrower's Signature

Date

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## Stafford Loan Lender List

Lender name	Lender code	Servicer	Borrower benefits/repayment incentives
<b>Higher Education Solutions</b> 877.272.7828 www.ed-solutions.net	833820	Nelnet	0% origination fees 3.33% principal reduction after initial 30 consecutive on-time payments .25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit
<b>Access Group</b> 800.282.1550 www.accessgroup.org	808851	Access Group	0% origination fees 2% interest rate reduction after 48 consecutive payments .25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit
<b>Bank One</b> 888.272.5543 www.StudentLoanNet.com	811925	Sallie Mae	3.3% credit or cash back after 33 consecutive on-time payments
<b>Key Bank</b> 800.KEY-LEND www.key.com/educate/grad	808959	AES/PHEAA	3.75% principal reduction at repayment, remains on account with consecutive payments .25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit
<b>Nellie Mae</b> 888.272.5543 www.nelliemae.com	829076	Sallie Mae	3.3% credit or cash back after 33 consecutive on-time payments
<b>Wells Fargo</b> 800.344.8382 www.wellsfargo.com/student/	807176	Wells Fargo	0% origination fees 4.6% principal reduction after 36 consecutive on-time payments .25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit

## Sample Repayment Chart

Interest rate	3%	4.5%	6.5%	8.25%	9%
<b>Loan amount</b>	<b>Monthly payment amount</b>				
\$5,000	\$48.28	\$51.82	\$56.77	\$61.33	\$63.34
\$10,000	\$96.56	\$103.64	\$113.55	\$122.65	\$126.68
\$15,000	\$144.84	\$155.46	\$170.32	\$183.98	\$190.01
\$20,000	\$193.12	\$207.28	\$227.10	\$245.31	\$253.35
\$25,000	\$241.40	\$259.10	\$283.87	\$306.63	\$316.69
\$30,000	\$289.68	\$310.92	\$340.64	\$367.96	\$380.03
\$35,000	\$337.96	\$362.73	\$397.42	\$429.28	\$443.37
\$40,000	\$386.24	\$414.55	\$454.19	\$490.61	\$506.70
\$45,000	\$434.52	\$466.37	\$510.97	\$551.94	\$570.04
\$50,000	\$482.80	\$518.19	\$567.74	\$613.26	\$633.38
\$55,000	\$531.08	\$570.01	\$624.51	\$674.59	\$696.72
\$60,000	\$579.36	\$621.83	\$681.29	\$735.92	\$760.05
\$65,000	\$627.64	\$673.65	\$738.06	\$797.24	\$823.39
\$70,000	\$675.93	\$725.47	\$794.84	\$858.57	\$886.73
\$75,000	\$724.21	\$777.29	\$851.61	\$919.89	\$950.07
\$80,000	\$772.49	\$829.11	\$908.38	\$981.22	\$1,013.41
\$85,000	\$820.77	\$880.93	\$965.16	\$1,042.55	\$1,076.74
\$90,000	\$869.05	\$932.75	\$1,021.93	\$1,103.87	\$1,140.08
\$95,000	\$917.33	\$984.56	\$1,078.71	\$1,165.20	\$1,203.42
\$100,000	\$965.61	\$1,036.38	\$1,135.48	\$1,226.53	\$1,266.76
\$110,000	\$1,062.17	\$1,140.02	\$1,249.03	\$1,349.18	\$1,393.43
\$120,000	\$1,158.73	\$1,243.66	\$1,362.58	\$1,471.83	\$1,520.11
\$130,000	\$1,255.29	\$1,347.30	\$1,476.12	\$1,594.48	\$1,646.79
\$140,000	\$1,351.85	\$1,450.94	\$1,589.67	\$1,717.14	\$1,773.46
\$150,000	\$1,448.41	\$1,554.58	\$1,703.22	\$1,839.79	\$1,900.14

The figures are based on a standard 10-year repayment schedule.



Lender ID: 833820