



Federal Direct Student Loan Information Sheet

Loans are an option for financing your education. The types of loans are described below and may be part of your financial aid award. If you are using student loans for the first time, be sure to read the section titled *Apply for a Direct Loan*.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan

This loan is a federal government loan that is offered to undergraduate students attending at least half-time (six credits) with financial need. The interest is not charged on this loan while you are in school at least half-time.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

This loan is a federal government loan that is offered to students attending at least half-time (six credits undergraduate, three credits graduate). An unsubsidized loan will be offered only after a subsidized loan. Graduate students will be offered only unsubsidized loans. Interest on an unsubsidized loan accrues while the student is attending. While in school, students may choose to begin repayment on their loan, pay just the interest, or allow interest to accrue. Students make this decision during the loan application process; however, the decision can be changed at any time by contacting Direct Loan Servicing at StudentLoans.gov.

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

The PLUS is an optional loan for parents of dependent students. Davenport estimates this loan for parents to provide them with information about this loan option. A parent may apply for a PLUS loan using their FAFSA PIN at StudentLoans.gov. Click on 'Apply for a PLUS Loan' to begin the application process. Please note a credit check will be performed and the parent must also complete a 'Loan Agreement for a PLUS Loan (MPN)'.

Who needs to complete a Master Promissory Note?

Students borrowing for the first time will need to follow the steps outlined in the section titled *Apply for a Direct Loan*. If you are re-entering college after an extended absence, you will likely need to complete a new Master Promissory Note (MPN). If you have questions regarding whether or not you need to complete a new Loan Agreement for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN), contact the Financial Aid Office at (866) 774-0004 or financialaid@davenport.edu.

Apply for a Direct Loan

Go to StudentLoans.gov. You will need your FAFSA PIN in order to log in.

- 1) Entrance Counseling – click on 'Complete Entrance Counseling' link
- 2) Master Promissory – click on 'Complete Loan Agreement for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan(MPN)' link

To ensure that Davenport University receives confirmation that you have completed the two requirements, please select Davenport University from the school list (without a campus location attached to it).

Useful Link

Visit National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at <https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/login> for information regarding federal student loans and/or grants you have received.