Federal Direct PLUS Loan

There are no set limits for Direct PLUS Loans, however you may only borrow up to the cost of education minus any other financial aid received. To be eligible for a PLUS Loan, you must not have an adverse credit history. If you have found to have an adverse credit history, you may still borrow a PLUS Loan if you get an endorser who does not have an adverse credit history. (Refer to Step 1 above and select “Endorse a PLUS Loan”). An endorser is someone who agrees to repay the Direct PLUS Loan if you do not repay the loan. The endorser may not be the student on whose behalf a parent obtains a Direct PLUS Loan.

Dependent students whose parents were denied a PLUS Loan are eligible to receive additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds. Freshmen and Sophomore students can receive an additional $4,000 in an eligible to receive additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds. For a PLUS Loan if you do not repay the loan. The endorser may not be the student on whose behalf a parent obtains a Direct PLUS Loan.

If additional loan funds are needed, graduate students are eligible to borrow Graduate PLUS Loans directly from the Federal government and will be required to complete the PLUS Loan Application, the Master Promissory Note, and the Graduate PLUS Entrance Counseling.

Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Borrower Instructions

1. Go to https://studentloans.gov and under Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Borrower Instructions
2. Then select Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
3. Once the Graduate PLUS Application has been completed you must complete the Graduate PLUS Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling.
4. All Graduate PLUS Loans will be processed as a Fall/Spring loan with two equal disbursements unless specified during the loan application process.

Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan

To be eligible for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan you must be a graduate student enrolled at least half time, have credit worthy, and have exhausted the maximum amount in Stafford Loans. There are no set limits for Direct Graduate PLUS Loans; however you may only borrow up to the cost of education minus any other financial aid received. If you have found to have an adverse credit history, you may still borrow a Direct Graduate PLUS Loan if you get an endorser who does not have an adverse credit history. (Refer to Step 1 above and select “Endorse a PLUS Loan”). An endorser is someone who agrees to repay the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan if you do not repay the loan.

Borrower Fees/Benefits

First Disbursed On or After Origination Fee Interest Rate December 1, 2013 and beyond 4.288% 6.41%

Private Alternative Loans

The private Alternative Loan products offered by SUNY Fredonia’s recommended lenders provide students the opportunity to borrow up to the cost of attendance, less any financial aid you receive. A co-signer is generally required for the Alternative Loans and approval/certification is based on credit history (checked by the lender). The Alternative Loan interest rates are higher than a Federal Stafford Loan and a Federal PLUS Loan. Interest rates are based on Prime or LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate), plus a percentage. The repayment on loan principal can usually be deferred until six months after you leave school or drop below half-time attendance (six credit hours). Check with your individual lender for repayment terms and conditions.

To begin the online Alternative Loan process at SUNY Fredonia, please go to www.fredonia.edu/financial aid and select on the link entitled “Apply Online for Alternative.”

As of February 14, 2010, all Alternative Loan Lenders are required by the Federal government to process Alternative Loans according to the new regulations tied to Title X of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). Each borrower will be issued three different disclosures and a newly created self-certification form during the time their loan is being processed. On the self-certification form that will be given to students by their lender, students must be required to fill in the Cost of Attendance and the Estimated Financial Assistance for the period of enrollment that the loan will cover. This information can be obtained through your Your Connection account. Your Financial Aid Award letter is another place where you can find your Estimated Financial Assistance. In order to speed up processing time, we encourage you to quickly reply back to requests for information received from your lender. As a result of these new regulations, borrowers should keep in mind that there could be an increase in the time it takes for both the lender and the school to process their Alternative Loan.

As a borrower, you should know that you have the right and ability to select the lender of your choice. Filing a FAFSA is not required to receive Alternative Loans. However, you must contact the Financial Aid Office if you wish to file a FAFSA and waive your right to Federal aid.

SUNY Fredonia Monthly Payment Plans

In an effort to accommodate every family’s educational financial needs, SUNY Fredonia installment Payment Plans (IPPP) offer interest-free payment options online through a secure payment environment provided by TouchNet. Payment plans can be used alone or in conjunction with financial aid and allow you to divide each semester’s balance due by the number of payments you select resulting in smaller scheduled payments over time. There is a nominal charge for this service. For additional information about payment plans, billing and other payment options, please contact the Student Accounts Office at (716) 673-3298 or visit their website at http://www.fredonia.edu/admin/studentaccounts.

Program Information

SUNY Fredonia Debt Account

The SUNY Fredonia Debt Account is a prepaid taxable debt account that can be used in the University Bookstore, Convenience Store, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, all food service locations, all campus vending machines, the Central Ticket Office and other designated locations. A special card will not be issued, you will use your FREDIACard for purchases.

The Debt Account Plan has nine options: $300, $400, $500, $600, $700, $800, $900, $1,000, plus a $2,000 option for Fall that decreases to $600 for Spring. The amount you select is added to your university bill, which can be deferred against Financial Aid. If you enroll in a Debt Account Plan, you will receive and be billed for the amount selected on both the Fall semester and Spring semester university bills. Additional deposits (B15 minimum) may be made at the Office in Gregoire Hall online at www.MyFREDIACard.com. FSA accepts checks, cash, money orders, Visa®, MasterCard®, Discover® and American Express®.

Other Untaxed Income – A signed statement stating the amount received in 2013 and source of income along with all 2013 W-2(s), if applicable.

High School Completion Status – For the 2014-15 award year, certain applicants will be required to verify their high school completion status – high school diploma, recognized equivalent of a high school diploma, or homeschool.

Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose – For the 2014-15 award year, certain applicants will be required to verify their identity and resubmit a Statement of Educational Purpose, as was originally provided as part of the FAFSA submission.

To request an IRS Federal Tax Return Transcript, go to www.irs.gov and use form 4506-T, or request a transcript by using the “Tools” section on the website and then clicking on “Order a Transcript,” or call 1-800-908-9946.

You should be aware that by not submitting the required information, all aid is placed on hold, including Federal and private loans. The Federal Verification process takes a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks, so it is highly recommended that students file their FAFSA January 1st of each year and turn in all required Verification paperwork requested by the school in a timely manner.

Upgrading FAFSA Through The Mandated IRS Data Retrieval Process

All 2014-15 FAFSA on the web applicants, and the parents of dependent applicants, who indicate that they have filed their Federal tax returns prior to completing their FAFSA, will be otherwise eligible, will be directed to use the FAFSA-IRS Data Retrieval process to complete their FAFSA more easily and accurately. Applicants who choose not to use this process, or who retrieve IRS data but subsequently change it on their FAFSA, will be informed that they will be subject to being selected for Federal Verification based upon the risk they pose to Federal funds and, if they are selected, will be required to support their reported FAFSA data with information obtained directly from the IRS. We advise applicants and parents to contact the Office of Financial Aid with any questions in regards to reporting changes in income instead of making changes to their FAFSA.