



NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY®

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2013-2014 Federal Direct Stafford Loan Request

Federal Direct Student Stafford Loan Information

A Federal Direct Stafford Loan is a loan for students to help them pay for their educational expenses. The student borrower is responsible for repaying the loan. To apply for a Stafford loan, the applicant must be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen, not in default on a federal student loan, be meeting the school's Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards, and be enrolled in at least six credit hours. The student is not required to have approved credit. Repayment for the Federal Direct Stafford Loan begins six months after the student graduates or drops below half-time enrollment. Several repayment plans are available.

How to Apply for a Direct Stafford Loan

- Complete the 2013-2014 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to list NMHU federal school code: 002653.
- Complete a Direct Stafford Loan Request Form.
- Complete a Direct Loan Entrance Counseling session at www.studentloans.gov.
- Once the loan is certified by the Financial Aid Office, sign the Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) on-line with your FAFSA PIN at www.studentloans.gov.

Additional Federal Disbursements Rules

One Semester Loans: Loans that cover one semester will be issued in two disbursements, one at the beginning of the term and the second halfway through the term.

Multiple Semester Loans: According to federal regulations, loans for multiple semesters must be disbursed in equal amounts.

Falling Below Half-Time Enrollment: If the student withdraws or drops below half-time enrollment, loan disbursements may be subject to cancellation/reduction. If the student ceases attendance, whether through graduation or withdrawal, the student must complete exit counseling at www.studentloans.gov.

First Time Borrowers are subject to a 30-day delayed delivery of loan monies. Funds will not be released until 30 days from the start of the semester.

Availability of Funds

Release of funds may be delayed, cancelled and/or returned based on the following criterion:

- You must be enrolled half-time & accepted within the designated program as degree seeking.
- You must meet satisfactory academic progress in your program of study.
- You must complete an Entrance Counseling session at www.studentloans.gov.
- You must complete a Master Promissory Note.
- You cannot receive funding beyond your cost of attendance.
- Loan requests will only be processed after we have finalized your financial aid file; your academic progress has been determined; and we can verify your enrollment of at least six (6) credit hours in your program of study.

BORROWER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL:

You have the right to cancel all or part of your Federal Stafford Loan. You must submit a loan cancellation/reduction request to the Financial Aid Office within 14 days of the disbursement or before the first day of class, whichever is latest, so that no interest will be charged and loan fees will be cancelled. You may request a loan cancellation/reduction by submitting a letter with an original signature via mail, fax, in person, or by sending an email to your Financial Aid Advisor.

**Please understand that by cancelling all or a portion of your loan disbursement, you will be responsible for any outstanding balances owed to the university.*

Note: Loan processing takes additional time and the process largely depends on you. Plan accordingly and prepare for this processing time. Stay in touch with the Financial Aid Office and review your information on-line (available 24/7 at www.nmhu.edu – My NMHU, enter secure area).

Beginning 2012 -2013 (loan periods beginning July 1, 2012 and after), the interest subsidy for graduate and professional students has been eliminated per the Budget Control Act of 2011. All Stafford loans for graduate and professional students will be unsubsidized with an interest rate of 6.8%.

The U.S. Department of Education can no longer offer borrowers repayment incentives. Effective for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2012, the Department of Education is prohibited from offering any repayment incentives to Direct Loan borrowers, except interest rate reductions to borrowers who agree to have payments automatically electronically debited from their bank account).

Due to the rising default rates on loans, beginning 2013-14 (loan periods beginning July 1, 2013 and after) borrowers will be required to complete an Entrance Counseling Session on an annual basis prior to being processed.

Annual Loan Limits

The following annual loan limits apply based on a student's grade level, dependency status and enrollment in a graduate or undergraduate program. The annual loan limits apply to the entire academic year which includes the summer, fall, and spring terms.

Credit Requirement	Grade Level	Subsidized Limit	Unsubsidized Limit	Extended Unsubsidized Independent Students
0-32	Freshman	\$3500	\$2000	\$4000
33-63	Sophomore	\$4500	\$2000	\$4000
64-95	Junior	\$5500	\$2000	\$5000
96 plus	Senior	\$5500	\$2000	\$5000
	Graduate Student	\$0	\$20,500	
	Teacher Certification only (not in a master's degree program)	\$5500	\$7000	
Annual amounts may be limited based on the Cost of Attendance and other financial aid received. The maximum cumulative loan limits are governed by federally determined maximum limits for all post-secondary education as indicated below:		Total Subsidized		Total Subsidized and Unsubsidized
Dependent Undergraduate		\$23,000		\$31,000
Independent Undergraduate		\$23,000		\$57,500
Graduate		\$65,500		\$138,500

Subsidized: Direct Stafford subsidized loans are federally guaranteed loans based on financial need. Interest does not accrue on the loan while you are in school at least half time, or during any future deferment periods. The federal government “subsidizes” (or pays) the interest during these times.

Unsubsidized: Direct Stafford unsubsidized loans are federally guaranteed loans that are **not** based on financial need. Interest does accrue from the time the loan is disbursed to the school.



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Please Print

Personal Information

Name: _____ SSN/Banner ID: _____
Last First
Address: _____
Street Apt# City State Zip code
Telephone: (____) _____ Email Address _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Loan Information

Select the Loan Period (CHECK ONE ONLY): ☐ Fall Only ☐ Fall/Spring ☐ Spring Only ☐ Summer Only

Grade Level _____ Anticipated Graduation Date (mm/yyyy) ____/____/____

Total Amount Requested: \$ _____ (See Annual Loan Limits per Grade Level table page 2)
{“MAXIMUM” is NOT ACCEPTABLE – you MUST provide a dollar amount}

I request the following loan type(s). (Please check one or both): ☐ Subsidized ☐ Unsubsidized

Please read, check the box and sign to verify you understand your loan responsibilities.

- I understand that all required Financial Aid documentation must be on file before loan consideration can begin.
- I understand that I will be considered for all other funds before a loan will be applied to my financial aid package. If other aid is presented after the fact, my loan may be affected.
- I understand that if I am over awarded any type of financial aid, all or some of my loan funds may be returned to the Department of Education.
- I must enroll and attend at least 6 credit hours in my program of study each semester to receive loan funding.
- I must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress before my loan can be certified.
- I understand that submitting a loan request does not guarantee processing and the Financial Aid Office will make final determination of processing based on my individual student eligibility.
- I understand that if my enrollment changes, my loan amounts could be reduced.
- I understand that if I do not attend or withdraw from all of my classes, I may be required to return a portion of my loans.
- I understand all Direct Loans require repayment with interest 6 months after I stop attending classes at least half time.
- I understand that if I have not completed a Loan Entrance Counseling session, electronically signed the Master Promissory Note, or am not enrolled at least 6 credit hours my loan request will not be processed.

I have read and fully understand the requirements necessary to receive a Direct Loan as stated on this form. I understand that it is my responsibility to make certain that I have completed the necessary steps to receive a Direct Stafford Loan.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

FAFSA File: Complete / Incomplete			Dependent / Independent		SAP:		Credit Hr:		Grade Level:	
Sub	Budget:	EFC:	Resources:		Fin Aid:		Unmet Need:			
Unsub.	Budget:	EFC:	Resources:		Fin Aid:		Unmet Need:			
Total Subsidized Available:					Total Unsubsidized Available:					
Comments:										
Certified By:					Date:					