

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS

LOAN TYPES

Subsidized – Eligibility is based on the information you submitted on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Interest is paid on these loans by the federal government while you are in-school at least half-time, during the six month grace period after leaving school or dropping to less than half-time enrollment, and during authorized periods of deferment.

Unsubsidized - Eligibility is based on the information you submitted on your FAFSA. You are responsible for the interest that accrues on these loans while you are in-school, during grace and authorized periods of deferment. However, interest payments may be postponed and the interest will be added to your loan balance (capitalization). At repayment time, the principal balance of your loan will be increased by the amount of interest added.

Loan limits:

Undergraduate Students – The amount of your combined subsidized and unsubsidized annual loan eligibility may vary. In general:

	Dependent Students	Independent Students
Junior/Senior	\$7,500	\$12,500
Cumulative Limit	\$31,000	\$57,500

Graduate Students - Graduate students may apply for an annual maximum of \$20,500 combined subsidized and unsubsidized loans. The cumulative loan limit for graduate students is \$138,500 including undergraduate loans.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

STEP 1: Complete this Federal Stafford Loan request form and return this to the Financial Aid Office. Read your award letter and the Newsletter to determine the amount you will need to borrow based on your enrollment and resources.

STEP 2: Federal regulations require that **all first time borrowers must complete Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling.** If this is your first Stafford loan, an online counseling session can be done at <http://mappingyourfuture.org>. This must be completed prior to processing your loan request.

STEP 3: After you have registered for classes, the Financial Aid Office will certify your eligibility for the loan and forward your information to the lender/servicing agency

STEP 4: If you have not already completed a Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) with the lender you have chosen, the lender or their servicing agency will direct you to a specific website to complete and electronically sign your MPN. If you prefer to sign a paper MPN you can print and mail the promissory note to your lender.

STEP 5: If you have met all requirements, loan disbursements are scheduled to be received at the College two weeks after the term begins. Most lenders disburse by electronic funds transfer to be applied to your account at Walsh. If your lender issues a paper check you will receive notification to endorse the check before funds can be applied to your account. Student refund checks from excess funds (if any) are mailed within 10 days of disbursement by the Business Office.

LIST OF LENDERS

Lender	Lender Code	Phone Number	Website for Promissory Note
Access Group	808851	(800) 282-1550	www.accessgroup.org
AMS Education Loan Trust	833079	(888) 272-5543	www.salliemae.com
Charter One Bank	808140	(800) 721-3969	www.nelnet.net
Citibank	826878	(800) 967-2400	www.studentloan.com/schools/walshcollege
Discover Student Loans	831312	(877) 728-3030	www.discoverstudentloan.com
Edamerica	831453	(800) 337-6884	www.edamerica.net
Fifth Third Bank	808780	(888) 272-5543	www.salliemae.com
MHESLA (MI Higher Ed)	825585	(800) 366-0032	www.mygreatlakes.org
MI Schools & Gov't CU (Members Only)	813148	(866) 674-2848	www.msgcu.org
National City Bank/PNC	826947	(888) 272-5543	www.salliemae.com
Nelnet Academic Loan	824573	(877) 804-3603	www.nelnet.net
Sallie Mae Education Trust	802218	(888) 272-5543	www.salliemae.com
Wells Fargo Education Financial Services	807176	(800) 658-3567	www.wellsfargo.com

Walsh College

2009 - 2010 STAFFORD LOAN REQUEST

Your Walsh College Financial Aid Award Letter may indicate a Federal Stafford Loan amount to help you meet educational expenses. Course fees were not figured into the recommended loan amount on your estimated award letter. **If you choose to borrow Federal Stafford Loans, the following information is required.** You are not required to borrow the suggested amount listed on your award letter.

A: REQUESTED LOAN AMOUNT

Name: _____ Student ID# _____

You will automatically be considered for a **SUBSIDIZED Stafford Loan, if you are eligible.**

If I am not eligible for a subsidized loan for the total amount I requested, I will accept an unsubsidized loan. Yes _____ No _____

Total Requested Loan Amount _____

Your loan disbursement will be **EQUALLY** divided between the semesters you check in the section below. 0.05% in origination fees and 1% default fee may be deducted from your loan amount by your lender.

Interest Rates:

Subsidized Stafford Loan – Effective July 1, 2009, the fixed rate is 5.6% for undergraduate students and 6.8% for graduate students.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loan – Current fixed rate is 6.8% for both undergraduate and graduate students.

B: REQUESTED LOAN PERIOD

You must be enrolled continuously at least **HALF-TIME** in an approved degree or certificate program at Walsh College (**six (6) undergraduate credits or three (3) graduate credits**) at the time your loan is certified and disbursed to receive a loan disbursement in **EACH** semester. **Note: If you are an undergraduate student taking a graduate class you must be enrolled for a total of six (6) credit hours at a minimum. Classes taken as audit do not count in determining half-time status for financial aid eligibility.**

Fall '09 11-week Winter '10 11-week Spring '10 11-week Summer '10 11-week

C: LENDER CHOICE

Many lenders participate in the Federal Family Education Loan Program. On the reverse side of this form is a list of all lenders who have made loans to Walsh College students in the past three years and have indicated they plan to continue participating in the FFEL Program for the 2009-2010 academic year. Additional information about specific loan terms can be obtained directly from each lender. Walsh College does not endorse or recommend any particular lender. You may choose to borrow from any FFELP lender including a participating lender that is not included on this listing. If you are selecting another lender not listed you must provide all of the necessary information requested. Indicate your lender choice in the area below.

Lender choice: _____ **Lender code:** _____ **Guarantor:** _____
(Required if not on list)

Please be advised of the following important information regarding Federal Stafford loans. Additional information is provided in the 2009-2010 Financial Aid Newsletter mailed with your award letter and on the Walsh website.

You must be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program at Walsh College.

You must be making satisfactory academic progress.

You must attend class to receive financial aid.

Changes in enrollment may require an adjustment to your loan(s).

If you fail class(s) the College may be required to return loan funds to your lender.

If you withdraw from all class(s) before 60% of the term has passed the College must perform a federal refund calculation and return a portion of loan proceeds to your lender.

Loan disbursements are received from lenders two weeks after the term begins if all requirements are met.

I understand that I am applying for a student loan which must be repaid and agree to repay the loan after ceasing to be enrolled half-time at Walsh College.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Daytime Phone:** _____