Important Loan Information Regarding your Federal Student Loans

Federal student loans are issued by the U.S. Department of Education. This instruction sheet will educate you on the steps you need to complete to receive federal student loans.

Required steps for receiving federal student loans:

☐ Accept your award electronically on the TU portal indicating YES or NO for federal student loans.

☐ Sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) electronically at https://studentloans.gov (see instructions on back).

☐ Complete entrance counseling electronically at https://studentloans.gov.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS UNTIL THE ABOVE THREE ITEMS ARE COMPLETE.

HELPFUL FACTS

Direct Subsidized Loan: The current interest rate for a Direct Subsidized Loan is determined each June for new loans being processed for the upcoming award year, which runs from July 1 to the following June 30. The fixed interest rate will be for the life of the loan. The government will deduct an origination (processing) fee from each Direct Subsidized Loan disbursement. Refer to https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/interest-rates for the actual interest rate and origination fee for your Direct Subsidized Loan. The government pays the interest on this loan while you attend school at least half-time, during the first six months of repayment once you graduate or drop below half-time enrollment (referred to as a grace period), and during a deferment period. As of 7/1/13, a new provision was added to the Direct Loan requirements that limit a first-time borrower’s eligibility for Direct Subsidized Loans to a period not to exceed 150 percent of the length of the borrower’s educational program. Only first-time borrowers on or after 7/1/13 are subject to the new provision.

Direct Unsubsidized Loan: The current interest rate for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan for undergraduate and graduate/law students is determined each June for new loans being processed for the upcoming award year, which runs from July 1 to the following June 30. The fixed interest rate will be for the life of the loan. The government will deduct an origination (processing) fee from each Direct Unsubsidized Loan disbursement. Refer to https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/interest-rates for the actual interest rate and origination fee for your Direct Unsubsidized Loan. The government does not pay your interest on this loan while you attend school at least half-time, during grace period, and during deferment or forbearance periods. Interest begins accruing at the time the loan disburses. You may defer the interest payment or you may pay the accrued interest quarterly. Select the option you prefer when you complete the Direct Unsubsidized Loan electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) with the U.S. Department of Education.

Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are made in two equal disbursements for a two-semester loan. At least one-half of the loan period must elapse before the second disbursement can be released. Direct Loans credit your student Bursar account no earlier than the first day of class upon the completion of a MPN and entrance counseling. A disbursement letter will be emailed to your TU email address when funds are credited. You have the right to cancel all or any portion of the loan within 14 days of the loan crediting your student Bursar account.

Repayment begins six months after you drop below half-time enrollment. Refer to https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/understand/plans for repayment plans.

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What to Expect as You Complete your MPN at https://studentloans.gov

LOG IN – You will be prompted to enter your U.S. Department of Education FSA ID. If you do not have an FSA ID, you may create one at https://fsaid.ed.gov.

MY HOME PAGE – If you wish to receive electronic confirmation, complete the request on this screen (box in upper right) and update.

SELECT COMPLETE LOAN AGREEMENT (MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE)

SELECT THE TYPE OF DIRECT LOAN MPN YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREVIEW or COMPLETE – All federal student loans require an MPN. Select the type to complete: MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans, PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students, or PLUS MPN for Parents. Note: A graduate student must complete two MPNs, if accepting both a Direct Unsubsidized Loan and a Direct Graduate PLUS Loan.

SUBMIT MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE – Complete all four tabs.

Tab 1: Information Enter borrower, student, and school information.

Tab 2: References Provide personal information and two personal references. The references must have different phone numbers and U.S. addresses, do not live with you, and have known you for at least 3 years.

Tab 3: Review and edit Review and edit any of the information for the borrower, student, or school as well your references.

Tab 4: Sign & Submit If you need to correct the information you provided, then click “3 – Review & Edit” option at the top of the page or cancel the MPN process now. This section explains the Borrower’s Request, Certifications, Authorizations, and Understandings in addition to the MPN Terms and Conditions. All of which is important information about the loan(s) you may receive under your MPN. If the information is correct, enter your name (the borrower). It must match the name on your FSA ID. The time and date of your signature will be made part of your completed MPN.

SUCESSFULLY SUBMITTED MPN – You will receive an immediate response and an email confirming submission of your MPN. The school will be notified of your MPN completion within 24 hours. To confirm your MPN was submitted, go to the “My Home Page” and select “View My Documents.” Select Master Promissory Note (MPN) from the dropdown box.

View, save and/or print a copy of your completed MPN for your records.

If you experience any problems in completing your MPN, contact the Department of Education, Applicant Services Department, at 800-557-7394.

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