

**Instructions:**

To request a Federal Student Loan please complete this form, be sure to read and check each box on the back indicating that you understand the information and return to the Financial Aid Office. You must also submit the current year's FAFSA application for which you are requesting a loan.

**Types of Loans:**

Direct Stafford Loans from the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, are low-interest loans for eligible students to help cover the cost of higher education. These loans include:

**Direct Subsidized Loans (Sub)** - Direct Subsidized Loans are for students with financial need which is determined from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You are not charged interest while you're in school at least half-time (6+ hrs.); however interest accrues during grace periods and deferment periods.

**Direct Unsubsidized Loans (Unsub)** - Direct Unsubsidized Loans are not based on financial need. This loan like all aid is based on your enrollment and budget. Interest accrues (accumulates) from the time it's disbursed. You can pay the interest while you are in school or you can allow it to accrue and add to your balance.

**Loan Eligibility:**

- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours.
- Meet all satisfactory academic progress requirements as indicated in the college catalog.
- Complete the FAFSA.
- Not be in default on a prior student loan or have an overpayment to the Federal Government.
- You must be enrolled in a degree or certificate program.
- First time borrowers will have a 30 day hold before we can disburse loan funds.

**Loan Amounts and Limits:**

Loan amounts are based on your enrollment level and financial aid budget. Below are the maximum amounts which you may be eligible for based on the number of hours you are enrolled in and your financial aid budget. If you receive a Pell grant or other aid, such as scholarships, you may not receive the maximum amount.

**Dependent Student**

Freshman (0-29 Credits earned) up to \$5,500 (\$3,500 Sub and \$2,000 Unsub)  
Sophomore (30+ Credits earned) up to \$6,500 (\$4,500 Sub and \$2,000 Unsub)

**Independent Student**

Freshman (0-29 Credits earned) up to \$9,500 (\$3,500 Sub and \$6,000 Unsub)  
Sophomore (30+ Credits earned) up to \$10,500 (\$4,500 Sub and \$6,000 Unsub)

**Loan Fees:**

There is a loan fee on all Direct Stafford Loans. The loan fee is a percentage of the amount of each loan you receive.

- I understand this is a loan and must be repaid to the Department of Education.
- I understand this money is to be used for educational expenses (tuition, fees, books, transportation, etc.) and I authorize Southern State Community College to deduct these direct costs from my loan(s).
- I must be enrolled at least ½ time (6 credit hrs.)** in an eligible program of study, taking courses within my major and be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
- Repayment begins 6 months after I graduate or am no longer enrolled ½ time and I will complete Exit Counseling upon leaving Southern State Community College at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
- I understand that I can cancel my loan at any time before it is disbursed. I also understand that after my loan is disbursed I can cancel my loan within 14 days after you receive notification that the loan was disbursed to your student account.
- I understand that allowing my loans to go into default will make me ineligible to receive any future federal aid while in default. This could have a negative impact on my credit rating, the department of education may take all or part of your federal and state tax refund, and I may have my wages garnished and accrue collection fees and interest. **Do everything you can to avoid loan default**, talk to your loan servicer to learn about the many different repayment options, loan deferment and forbearance before allowing your loan to go into default.
- I am aware that I must complete Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) before I can receive any federal direct loans. *(You are strongly encouraged to complete both in person on campus with a financial aid counselor; contact 1-800-628-7722 ext 2610 to schedule an appointment.)*

**Please select one of the following:**

\_\_\_ I wish to accept the maximum loan eligibility that I qualify for.

\_\_\_ I wish to accept the loans, however reduce all loans to meet direct charges only.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand all the information presented to me and want to accept student loans:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_