



Marian Court College
TWO LIFE-CHANGING YEARS

APPLYING FOR A FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN

While Marian Court College wants students to receive all of the grants and scholarships they can receive each academic year, many students will still need to take out student loans to help finance their educational goals. Average federal loan indebtedness for 2010 graduates was \$13,670. Marian Court began participating in the Federal Direct Loan Program beginning with the 2010-11 academic year. In this program, the federal government acts as the lender in place of private lenders. All students, both new and returning, who utilize the federal loan programs, will be required to go through the Direct Lending process for the following loans:

- Federal Direct Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized)
- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

FEDERAL DIRECT STAFFORD LOANS

- Students enrolled at least half-time (at least 6 credits) are eligible to borrow a low interest federally guaranteed loan.
- All students who complete the aid application process are eligible for a Stafford loan, but only those who show “financial need” will have the interest subsidized by the government (Subsidized Stafford loan). Students with no financial need are eligible for the Stafford Unsubsidized Loan (interest paid by student).
- No credit check is required, and no payment is due until six months after the student graduates (or withdraws).
- The maximum subsidized loan amount per year is \$3,500 for first year students and \$4,500 for second year students as well as a \$2,000 unsubsidized loan for both grade levels. An Unsubsidized Loan totaling \$6,000 may be borrowed by independent students. An origination fee of .05% is deducted from each loan disbursement.

APPLYING FOR A STAFFORD LOAN

Step 1: Complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN)

- Students who have been awarded a Stafford Loan must complete an MPN (Master Promissory Note) with the Department of Education. Please be sure to read your promissory note and disclosures before signing. The MPN is a legal agreement between you and the federal government.
- You'll be asked for your **FAFSA PIN**, so be sure to have this number available.
- To complete the Direct Loan MPN, apply at www.StudentLoans.gov. **Sign in** using requested information including your FAFSA PIN. Select “**Complete MPN**” listed on the menu on the left of the page and then choose “**Subsidized/Unsubsidized**” as the MPN type. Complete the information requested. **Be sure you have actually submitted your information.** The last page of the completed MPN will confirm the date and time you signed the form.

Step 2: Complete the Stafford Loan Entrance Interview

- In order for your Stafford Loan funds to be disbursed to Marian Court College, the student is federally required to complete a Stafford Loan entrance interview. The interview consists of a series of questions that a student can complete online and is designed to ensure that the student understands the responsibilities and benefits of this loan. Once the student has completed the entrance interview, Marian Court will receive notification, and funds for that student's Stafford Loan will be released for disbursement.

APPLYING FOR A PARENT PLUS LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Step 1: Complete PLUS Application

- Parents must have a FAFSA PIN number – Go to www.pin.ed.gov if you do not have one.
- Sign into the Direct Loan Website at www.studentloans.gov using your PIN number and other confidential information.
- Request a PLUS loan – Select Parent PLUS and complete all four sections including “Submit.”
A credit check will be generated.

Step 2: Complete the Master Promissory Note

- Complete MPN (Master Promissory Note) – Select the Parent PLUS Loan for Undergraduate Students. This is in addition to the “Request”. Be sure to completed all four sections, review and submit.

Step 3: Complete Marian Court Notification

- Send Marian Court College a signed letter notifying us of your application and the amount you wish to borrow.