

FEDERAL DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN POLICY
FALL/WINTER
2011-12

To minimize student debt, Federal Direct Stafford Loans can only be used to pay for direct educational expenses such as tuition, fees, books and transportation. Loan funds **cannot** be used to pay credit card bills for personal purchases, child support payments, car payments or other non-educational costs. There are, however, alternative loans available from private lenders to assist with living expenses.

If you are awarded a Direct Stafford Loan, you must also complete a **Master Promissory Note (MPN)**. In addition, if you are a first-time borrower, you are required to complete **entrance loan counseling**. To complete either of these requirements, go to studentloans.gov. You will receive an **email** from the Direct Loan Program to confirm that your promissory note has been received.

Listed below is important information you must know before applying for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours
- ◆ Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better
- ◆ Meet the current Macomb Community College Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

LOAN LIMIT AMOUNTS

Minimum

- ◆ Minimum loan amount is \$500 per academic year (\$250 per semester)

Maximum - including loans borrowed at other colleges

- ◆ If you have less than 32 credit hours (including transfer credits from another college) you cannot exceed \$7,000 in total loans and are limited to \$3,500 per academic year (\$1,750 per semester)
- ◆ If you have 32 credit hours or more (including transfer credits from another college) you cannot exceed \$14,000 in total loans and are limited to \$4,500 per academic year (\$2,250 per semester)

No loan disbursements will be made once the semester ends.

LOAN REQUESTS WILL BE DENIED

- ◆ If you have a loan that is in default
- ◆ If you have an accumulated loan debt of \$14,000 or more, including loans borrowed at colleges other than Macomb

FAILURE TO PAY YOUR LOAN WILL

- ◆ Jeopardize your future eligibility for financial aid
- ◆ Negatively impact your credit worthiness for any future borrowing, including car loans, home mortgages or other consumer loans

Students denied a Federal Stafford Loan based on these guidelines may appeal in writing to the Director of Financial Aid. Extenuating circumstances must be specifically stated in the appeal.

**FEDERAL DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN REQUEST FORM
FALL/WINTER
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Name	Macomb ID#
Daytime Phone Number	Email

	FALL 2011	WINTER 2012
Planned Enrollment	Number of credits	Number of credits

This loan is requested to cover the following expense(s): Check ALL that apply.

	FALL 2011	WINTER 2012
Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Books and Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation to & from classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – Enter dollar amount, specify details below and attach a price quote.	\$	\$

Loan funds **cannot** be requested for any non-educational costs whatsoever such as personal purchases, child support payments, car payments, credit card balances or living expenses. There are alternative loans available from private lenders to assist with these expenses.

I have read the Macomb Community College Loan Policy and I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Student Signature	Date
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Approved Amount \$	Prior Loans <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Macomb Credits
Sub <input type="checkbox"/>	Unsub <input type="checkbox"/>	Total Borrowed \$	Transfer Credits
Reason for Reduction or Denial			Cumulative GPA