Loans through this government sponsored program are in the student's name and do not require a co-signer or credit check. Students borrow directly from the federal government.

If you wish to decline or reduce the amount of the Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan listed on your financial aid award notification, please indicate your requested change(s) on the Direct Loan Change Form.

Direct Subsidized Loans
- Borrower: student
- Interest Rate: 3.86% (fixed) as of 8/9/13
- Origination fee: 1.072% as of 11/15/13
- Grace Period: 6 months
- Repayment Period: 10 years
- The government pays the interest while the student is enrolled at least half-time. Interest accrued during the grace period will be payable by the student.
- Awarded only to students with financial need.

*Interest rates and origination fees for the 2014-15 academic year are expected to be released by the Dept. of Education during the summer.

Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Borrower: student
- Interest rate: 3.86% (fixed) as of 8/9/13
- Origination fee: 1.072% as of 11/15/13
- Grace Period: 6 months
- Repayment Period: 10 years
- Interest accrues during the in-school period but can be capitalized (added to the principal) for repayment after the student drops to less than half-time enrollment.
- Awarded to students with and without financial need.

*Interest rates and origination fees for the 2014-15 academic year are expected to be released by the Dept. of Education during the summer.

In addition to the base amount related to grade level (whether awarded in a subsidized or an unsubsidized loan), all students are eligible to borrow an additional $2,000 in Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds.

If you wish to borrow the additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds, please indicate the amount on the Direct Loan Change Form.

Federal legislation limits the maximum undergraduate borrowing to $31,000 through the Federal Student Loan Program (unless the student is an independent student or a parent cannot borrow through the Federal PLUS Loan Program).

Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan Application Process

If not completed by July 25, Direct Loans will be removed from your award.

First Time Borrowers
1. Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at www.StudentLoans.gov
   Helpful Tips for Completing the Master Promissory Note
   • Have your Social Security Number, Federal Student Aid PIN and names, addresses and telephone numbers for 2 references available.
   • Have 20-30 minutes available; you cannot save a partially completed Master Promissory Note.
2. Complete Entrance Counseling at www.StudentLoans.gov
3. If necessary, submit the Gettysburg College Stafford Loan Change Form to make adjustments to your awarded Stafford Loan.

Previous Borrowers
If you borrowed through this program last year, no other steps are necessary unless you wish to make adjustments to your awarded Stafford Loan by submitting the Stafford Loan Change Form.
Gettysburg College Direct Loan Change Form  
2014-15 Academic Year

You should return this form only if you are making changes to your awarded Direct Loan.

Student Name (Please Print): ___________________________ Date: ______________

Student’s Gettysburg College ID #: ___________________ Class Year: ______________

Return to:
Gettysburg College Office of Financial Aid
Campus Box 438
300 N. Washington Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Email: finaidloans@gettysburg.edu
Fax: 717-337-8555

You may also send an email describing requested loan changes to finaidloans@gettysburg.edu

Reduce Direct Loan Amounts

☐ I wish to reduce my Direct Subsidized Loan to $ __________

☐ I wish to reduce my Direct Unsubsidized Loan to $ __________

Additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan Funds

If you wish to take advantage of the additional $2,000, or any portion of this amount, in Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds (see Federal Direct Student Loan Instructions), please indicate the total unsubsidized amount below.

☐ I wish to increase the Direct Unsubsidized Loan on my financial aid award to $ __________

(indicate total unsubsidized amount)

Decline Direct Loan Funds

☐ I would like to decline my entire Direct Subsidized Loan

☐ I would like to decline my entire Direct Unsubsidized Loan

First-Time Direct Loan Borrowers- Don’t Forget!

Complete the following two steps to finalize your first Direct Loan:

1. Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at www.StudentLoans.gov
2. Complete Entrance Counseling at www.StudentLoans.gov