Federal Direct Subsidized / Unsubsidized Student Loan Instructions: 2019-20 Academic Year
Complete After May 1 Deadline: mid-June

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 or email your changes to finaidloans@gettysburg.edu.

**Direct Subsidized Student Loan**
- Borrower: student
- Interest Rate: 5.05% (fixed) as of 7/1/2018 *
- Origination fee: 1.062%
- 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.

**Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan**
- Borrower: student
- Interest rate: 5.05% (fixed) as of 7/1/2018 *
- Origination fee: 1.062%
- 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 regardless of financial need.

* The interest rate for 2019-20 loans will be set in summer 2019. The origination fee may change for loans first disbursed on and after October 1, 2019.

Federal legislation limits the maximum undergraduate Federal Direct Loan 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).

**Keep track of your federal student loans!**
Set up a National Student Loan Data Systems account at [nslds.ed.gov](http://nslds.ed.gov) or login at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov).

**Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Requirements**
*If not completed by mid-June, Direct Loans will be removed from your award*

1. **Complete Entrance Counseling** at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov)
   - The Federal Government requires you to complete entrance counseling to ensure that you understand the responsibilities and obligations you are assuming.
   - Have your FSA ID available- this must be completed with the student’s FSA ID
   - Have 20-30 minutes available; you must complete the entire counseling in one session.
   - List Gettysburg College as your School Name
   - If you would like to enter your 2019-20 loan information, have your financial aid award available – sample loan amounts will not be pre-populated

2. **Complete a Loan Agreement for a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN)** at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov)
   - This is a legal document in which you promise to repay your federal student loan(s) and any accrued interest and fees to your lender or loan holder.
   - Have your Social Security Number, FSA ID and names, addresses and telephone numbers for two references available.
   - Have 20-30 minutes available; you cannot save a partially completed Loan Agreement (MPN).
   - List Gettysburg College as your School Name

Students will only complete Entrance Counseling and the Loan Agreement (MPN) the first time that they borrow a Federal Direct Student Loan. During their final semester at Gettysburg (*or upon dropping to less than half-time enrollment*), students will be required to complete an online Exit Counseling session to prepare them for loan repayment.
Federal Direct Loan Change Form  
2019-20 Academic Year

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

Student Name: _____________________________________________________________  Date ______________

Student’s Gettysburg College ID #: __________________  Gettysburg Class Year:___________________________

**Return to:**
Gettysburg College Office of Financial Aid  Email: finaidloans@gettysburg.edu
Campus Box 438  Fax: 717-337-8555
300 N. Washington Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325

*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 $ __________

**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 Entrance Counseling at studentloans.gov
2. Complete a Loan Agreement (MPN) at studentloans.gov