



IowaCollegeAid.gov  
Your Financial Aid Connection

# Federal Loan Chart

## 2010-2011 Academic Year

|                                       | Federal Subsidized Stafford   | Federal Unsubsidized Stafford - Dependent  | Federal Unsubsidized Stafford - Independent  | Federal PLUS  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Eligible Borrowers</b>             | Dependent undergraduates<br>Independent undergraduates<br>Graduate & professional students  | Dependent undergraduates   | Independent undergraduates<br>Graduate & professional students<br>Dependent undergraduates whose parent was unable to obtain a PLUS loan   | Creditworthy eligible parents of dependent undergraduates<br>Creditworthy graduate & professional students  |
| <b>Need-Based</b>                     | Based on financial need   | Not based on financial need  | Not based on financial need  | Not based on financial need   |
| <b>Annual Loan Limits<sup>2</sup></b> | First Year: \$3,500    Second Year: \$4,500<br>Third Year: \$5,500    Fourth Year: \$5,500<br>Fifth Year: \$5,500    Graduate: \$8,500<br><i>*Dependent students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate preparatory coursework, or teacher certification coursework, are ineligible for additional unsubsidized Stafford loan amounts.</i>                   | First Year: \$5,500    Second Year: \$6,500<br>Third Year: \$7,500    Fourth Year: \$7,500<br>Fifth Year: \$7,500<br><i>*Minus subsidized Stafford awarded</i> | First Year: \$9,500    Second Year: \$10,500<br>Third Year: \$12,500    Fourth Year: \$12,500<br>Fifth Year: \$12,500    Graduate: \$20,500<br><i>*Minus subsidized Stafford awarded</i> | Eligible loan amount is equal to the cost of attendance minus other aid.  |
| <b>Aggregate Limits</b>               | Undergraduates: \$23,000<br>Graduate Students: \$65,500   | Undergraduates: \$31,000<br><i>*Minus subsidized Stafford awarded</i>  | Undergrads: \$57,500    Grad Students: \$138,500 <sup>1</sup><br><i>*Minus subsidized Stafford balances</i>  | No aggregate limit  |
| <b>Interest Rate</b>                  | Rate for undergraduates:<br>Disbursed on or after July 1, 2009 = 5.6% fixed<br>Disbursed on or after July 1, 2010 = 4.5% fixed<br>Disbursed on or after July 1, 2011 = 3.4% fixed<br>Disbursed on or after July 1, 2012 = 6.8% fixed<br>Rate for graduate & professional = 6.8% fixed   | 6.8% fixed<br><i>for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006</i>  | 6.8% fixed<br><i>for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006</i>  | 7.9% fixed for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006<br><br><i>* PLUS loans first disbursed through the Federal Family Education Loan program on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010 have fixed interest rates of 8.50%</i>  |
| <b>Interest Subsidy</b>               | Interest is paid by the federal government during periods of enrollment (at least half-time), the grace period and during authorized deferments.  | Interest starts to accumulate from the first loan disbursement. Interest may be paid as it accrues or added to the original balance at repayment.              | Interest starts to accumulate from the first loan disbursement. Interest may be paid as it accrues or added to the original balance at repayment.  | Interest starts to accumulate from the first PLUS loan disbursement.  |
| <b>Loan Fees</b>                      | 1% Origination Fee<br><i>This fee must be paid by the Stafford Loan borrower through a deduction from each loan disbursement.</i>   | Same as subsidized Stafford  | Same as subsidized Stafford  | 4% Origination Fee<br><i>This fee must be paid by the Grad PLUS borrower through a deduction from each loan disbursement.</i>   |
| <b>Rebates &amp; Reductions</b>       | 0.5% up-front interest rebate. To retain the rebate the first 12 payments must be made on-time <sup>3</sup> .<br>.25% interest rate reduction for borrowers who make monthly payments via electronic debit.   |  |  | 1.5% up-front interest rebate. To retain the rebate the first 12 payments must be made on-time <sup>3</sup> .<br>.25% interest rate reduction for borrowers who make monthly payments via electronic debit.   |
| <b>Repayment</b>                      | Loan has a six month grace period that begins after the borrower graduates, withdraws, or enrollment drops below half time. Repayment begins after the grace period ends. The Direct Loan Servicing Center will notify you when the first payment is due.   | Same as subsidized Stafford  | Same as subsidized Stafford  | Repayment begins 60 days after the loan funds are fully disbursed. An in-school deferment can be used to postpone payments for Grad PLUS borrowers and parent borrowers while either the borrower or student for whom the loan was borrowed is enrolled at least half time and for six months thereafter. |
| <b>Deferments</b>                     | Unlimited In-School Deferment<br><i>for at least half-time enrollment</i><br>Unlimited Graduate Fellowship Deferment<br>Unlimited Rehabilitation Training Deferment<br>Unlimited Military Deferment <sup>4</sup><br>Military Post-Active Duty Student (13 months) <sup>5</sup><br>Unemployment Deferment (3 years)<br>Economic Hardship Deferment (3 years) | Same as subsidized Stafford  | Same as subsidized Stafford  | Same as subsidized Stafford   |

<sup>1</sup> Increased unsubsidized Stafford aggregate loan limits are authorized for certain health profession students.

<sup>2</sup> A student with limited eligibility for need-based, subsidized Stafford loans may receive up to the full annual loan limit in unsubsidized Stafford loan funds.

<sup>3</sup> For Direct Loans disbursed on or after 7/1/10 and before 7/1/11. The rebate amount will be added to the borrower's principal balance if the first 12 payments are not made on time.

<sup>4</sup> A deferment may be granted to a borrower who is serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency (including qualifying National Guard duty).

<sup>5</sup> A deferment may be granted to a borrower called to active National or State duty who is a member of the National Guard or Reserves (including retired members) and who was enrolled at least half time at an eligible school at the time of, or within six months prior to being activated. A post-active duty deferment may be granted in periods of 13 months each time the borrower qualifies.