



2012-2013 Law Financial Aid Response Form

Please read both sides of this sheet, complete, sign where indicated, and return to the Office of Law Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Name: _____

Social Security Number or Campus Wide ID Number: _____

- I understand that when I sign and return this form, I will be accepting the financial aid award offered by Loyola University New Orleans. I would like to reject the following parts of my financial aid:

- I understand that this financial aid offer is subject to the conditions listed in this packet and online at www.law.loyno.edu/lawaid. I understand that I am responsible for submitting all requested documentation to the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships in a timely manner. I understand that my award is not final until all documents have been received and reviewed by a financial aid counselor.
- I understand that I must make satisfactory academic progress towards completing my degree in order to receive financial aid in subsequent academic years. Loyola University New Orleans' satisfactory academic progress policy is posted in the College of Law Bulletin.
- I understand that I must reapply for financial aid every year by completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If my financial aid award includes loans, I understand that loans are serious legal obligations that must be repaid according to the terms of my promissory note.
- If my award includes a William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, I have completed the requirements printed on the back of this form.
- Graduate and Professional students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 credit hours each semester in order to be eligible for federal loans.
- I understand the requirements to receive federal aid as listed in the Student Loan Information Guide.
- If my award includes a scholarship or grant, I understand the terms stated in my award letter.
- I understand that I must disclose any assistance I will receive from other programs, such as private scholarships, grants, veteran's benefits, tuition remissions and employer tuition payments, etc. Use the space below to report the source and annual amount of the aid from other programs:

- I authorize Loyola University to use scholarship, grant and student loan funds to pay my obligations that are charged to my Loyola tuition account. Such charges can include tuition, fees, residence hall charges, meals, books, parking fees, fines, and minor debts (less that \$200) to Loyola from prior terms.

Certification:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the information I have given and the certifications I have made are true and correct. I understand that anyone who knowingly makes false statement in connection with applying for financial assistance is subject to penalties as prescribed under the United States Criminal Code.

Signature of Student Applicant

Date

See Reverse for Federal Loan Information
OFFICE OF LAW FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
7214 ST. CHARLES AVE., BOX 919
PHONE: 504.861.5551
FAX: 504.861.5734

THE WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM

Your financial aid award letter may include an assumed Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You do not have to accept this part of your aid award. However, you will not receive additional scholarship or grant aid because you choose to reject the loan. We would encourage all first-time borrowers to review the information on our website at www.law.loyno.edu/lawaid or the enclosed Student Loan Information Guide.

In the Federal Direct Loan Program, the U.S. Department of Education acts as the lender. Federal Direct Loans include:

The Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan

Interest accrual begins at disbursement until it is paid in full. You may pay the interest while you are enrolled or allow it to accrue and be capitalized. Repayment of principal and interest begin six months after your last enrollment on at least a half-time basis. The current interest rate for Direct Unsubsidized Loans is fixed at 6.8 percent.

The Direct Graduate Plus Loan

Interest accrual begins at disbursement until it is paid in full. You may pay the interest while you are enrolled or allow it to accrue and be capitalized. For Graduate Plus Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008, the student is eligible for a six-month “post-enrollment deferment.” Note that the student need not request this deferment. For those loans that qualify, the lender is instructed to apply the six-month deferment without borrower request. The current interest rate for Direct Graduate Plus Loan is fixed at 7.9 percent.

Loan Fees

Effective for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2012, the Department of Education is prohibited from offering any repayment incentives to Direct Loan borrowers, except interest rate reductions to borrowers who agree to have payments automatically debited from their bank account. The U.S. Department of Education will charge a 1.0 percent loan origination fee for processing your Unsubsidized Loan and 4.0 percent for your Graduate Plus Loan. The loan origination fee is deducted proportionately from each disbursement of your student loan.

IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR FEDERAL DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Entrance Counseling:

Students who are borrowing for the first time under the Federal Unsubsidized & Graduate Plus Loan Program at Loyola University **must** complete an Entrance Counseling session before funds can be disbursed to their accounts. Students can fulfill this requirement online at www.studentloans.gov. Please note your Unsubsidized Loan will not be credited to your student account until this form is completed.

2. Master Promissory Note:

Please complete an Unsubsidized Loan Master Promissory Note online at www.studentloans.gov. Your loan will not be disbursed until this form is completed.

Student Loan Information Guide

The Loyola University Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships recognizes that financing a Loyola education may involve deferring some of the costs through a low interest loan program. Your educational investment will require informed financial decisions about loans, and we are committed to helping you understand your federal loan eligibility and options. We have designed this guide to provide information about **the Unsubsidized Loan and the Plus Loan for Graduate and Professional students, offered through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.** Students participating in the Direct Loan program borrow from the federal government.

TYPES OF LOANS

Unsubsidized Loan:

An Unsubsidized Loan is a non-need-based loan. You are responsible for all interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. You may pay the interest while you are enrolled or allow it to accrue and be capitalized. For undergraduate, graduate and professional students, the interest rate is fixed at 6.8 percent. The U.S. Department of Education will charge a 1.0 percent loan origination fee for processing your loan.

Plus Loans for Graduate and Professional Students

Graduate and Professional degree students are now eligible to borrow under the PLUS Loan Program up to their cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance. The requirements include a determination that the applicant does not have an adverse credit history. Applicants for these loans are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They also must have applied for their annual loan maximum eligibility under the Federal Unsubsidized Loan Program before applying for a Graduate/Professional PLUS loan. Students must complete an application/master promissory note online. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 7.9 percent and loan fees are 4.0 percent.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL AID

According to federal regulations, a student must be degree-seeking to receive federal aid.

“A person must be enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program in order to receive FSA funds. A regular student is someone who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible institution for the purpose of obtaining a degree. A student who completes the academic requirements for a program but does not yet have the degree is not eligible for further Title IV aid for that program.”

Since the College of Law Bulletin states that “the requirement for the degree of Juris Doctor is 90 credit hours of work earned in the College of Law,” we may not, by law, allow a student to borrow funds over and above the required 90 hours. In the instance of a failure, withdrawal, or other extraordinary circumstance, please contact our office for information on appealing this regulation. **Graduate and Professional students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 credit hours to receive aid. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress and must not be in default on any federal education loans.**

MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE (MPN)

You must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN). The MPN is a legally binding agreement to repay your loan to the Department of Education. In most cases, one MPN can be used for loans that you receive over several years of study. It is very important that you understand the long-term commitment you are making by signing this note. We encourage you to record all amounts that you borrow and keep all your loan paperwork together so you can keep track of your cumulative borrowing. The loan will not disburse to Loyola until you complete the Master Promissory Note.

You must sign the MPN online at www.studentloans.gov.

ENTRANCE COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Borrowing money is a serious legal obligation. We want all of our students to fully understand their rights and responsibilities under this program. First-time undergraduate and graduate borrowers at Loyola must also complete an “Entrance Interview” before receiving funds. Students can complete this requirement online at www.studentloans.gov.

BORROWING LIMITS

Loan borrowing limits for Graduate/Professional students may borrow up to \$20,500 in an Unsubsidized Loan.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM

Direct Loan Website: www.studentloans.gov

Repayment of your Direct Loan:

Borrower services at the Direct Loan Servicing Center
1-800-848-0979 or www.dl.ed.gov

Direct Loan Consolidation Center:

1-800-557-7392 or www.studentloans.gov