

# News Flash

Financial Aid Updates

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## New Changes for 2010-11 Academic Year

### *2010-2011 Academic Year Processing Information*

On March 25, 2010, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed The Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 ("HCEARA"-H.R. 4872). This bill makes major changes in several federal student aid programs AND mandates that, effective July 1, 2010, all federal student loans (Stafford, PLUS, and Grad PLUS) will be originated through the Federal Direct Loan Program. The Family Federal Education Loan Program, which permitted private lenders to originate these loans, is eliminated effective June 30, 2010.

So, starting with the 2010-2011 academic year, the University will participate \*exclusively\* in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan program, in which borrowers obtain loan funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education.

Beginning on March 28, 2010, a new Web site has been launched and it will serve as a portal for Direct Loan borrowers to manage their Direct Loans. The new Web site is StudentLoans.gov. Borrowers will use the StudentLoans.gov Web site to:

- complete a Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note
- view electronic loan correspondence such as disclosure statements
- link to other tools and resources

The StudentLoans.gov Web site will allow Direct PLUS Loan borrowers (both parents and graduate/professional students) to complete a request for a Direct PLUS Loan and initiate a credit check online.

### *What do I have to do to get my loan funds for next year?*

You must:

1. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
2. Provide any documents requested by our office, and accept or decline your federal student loans.
3. You will then have to complete a new Master Promissory Note for the Direct Loan program before the Department of Education will electronically disburse your funds to Loyola.

### *"Can I complete the new MPN now to get a head start?"*

- Yes, the Department of

Education has launched a new Web site that will serve as a portal for Direct Loan borrowers to manage their Direct Loans. The new Web site is StudentLoans.gov. Effective March 28, 2010, borrowers will use the StudentLoans.gov web site to:

- complete Stafford and Grad PLUS Entrance Counseling,
- complete a Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note,
- You will need the same PIN that you used for your FAFSA to electronically sign the note. If you do not have a PIN, you may obtain one via http://www.pin.ed.gov.
- view electronic loan correspondence such as disclosure statements, and
- link to other tools and resources
- Note: If you will borrow from BOTH the Stafford and Grad PLUS programs, you will need to complete a separate MPN for each loan program.

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## PowerFAIDS

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will be converting all processing over to **PowerFAIDS** effective for the 2010-2011 academic year.

\*The PowerFAIDS Net Partner module will allow students to log on from anywhere to accept or decline awards, fill out an online application, see their financial aid information, download documents they need, and more.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As we are in the process of converting to and testing this system **only incoming students are** able to see their records at this time.

### TIMELINE FOR FALL 2010

#### April 2010

1. Complete FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
2. Everyone must complete an entrance counseling session. Complete the new entrance counseling for both Stafford and Grad Plus loans at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Complete a new Master Promissory Note for Stafford Loans at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Everyone must complete a new MPN.

#### May/June 2010

1. Complete Graduate Plus loan application online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
2. Complete entrance counseling session for a Grad Plus loan if you haven't already done so.
3. Complete a Master Promissory Note for Grad Plus loan.

#### July 2010

1. Check for missing documents on LORA and follow the link to Financial Aid 2010-20100 award year. This link will take you to Net Partner the new Financial Aid website.

#### August 2010

1. Put in your refund request at [www.loyno.edu/studentfinance](http://www.loyno.edu/studentfinance). You will see a tab called online refund request form and click on that and complete the form.

Since there are many factors that come into play before a refund can be issued, Financial Aid **CANNOT PREDICT** when your refund will be made available to you. Here are just a few examples of why we can't predict when your refund check will arrive.

1. Master Promissory Note
2. Timeliness of loan application
3. Processing of Loans
4. Refund requested with Student Finance
5. Processing period by Student Finance
6. Funds are not released prior to the first day of school
7. Funds have to be credited on your account
8. Mailing of loan proceeds to your correct mailing address

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