



## Stafford Direct Loan Request Form

### Before you can be awarded a loan:

1. Complete your FAFSA
2. Complete an MPN at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
3. Complete entrance counseling at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
4. Complete this form and return it to our office.
5. Enroll in at least 6 credit hours to receive a loan.
6. Maintain SAP (Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and have completed 66% of the classes in which you have enrolled) Students on financial aid suspension will not be awarded a loan.
7. Be sure that your address and major are up to date in the Record's Office.
8. Request a transcript evaluation by the Record's Office to transfer acceptable credits to OC, if you have attended any other colleges.

### Loan Limits

Loans are to be used for school related expenses. Don't ask for more than you need! Loans must be paid back with interest (currently 6.533% for subsidized and 6.533% for unsubsidized).

Undergraduate Year in School	# of Hours Transferred Or Earned in Current Major	Dependent Subsidized	Total Sub. & Unsub.	Independent Subsidized	Total Sub. & Unsub.
First Year	0-29	\$3500	\$5500	\$3500	\$9500
Second Year	30-59	\$4500	\$6500	\$4500	\$10500

Independent students may borrow the maximum in both subsidized and unsubsidized money. For example, an independent second year student may borrow up to \$10,500 (if the cost of attendance is not exceeded). Dependent students are unable to get loan increases without first applying for and being denied a Parent Plus loan. Due to regulatory restraints we may not be able to certify your entire requested amount and we can never certify a loan for more than you request. Keep in mind that there is an upfront origination fee of 1.057% that is withheld from your loan award.

If you would like to view your loans you may do this at [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov).

### Disbursement of Funds

- All loans will be divided into two disbursements per semester, one be at the beginning and another at the mid-point of the semester (Mid October for Fall & end of March for Spring. Summer dates vary depending on enrollment).
- Students who are both **first time borrowers** and new to Odessa College may not receive loan funds until **30 days after the first class day**.
- You will receive a disclosure statement listing your loan amounts, fees deducted, interest rates and disbursement dates.
- We will disburse your loan by crediting your school account to pay tuition and fees, dorm charges and other authorized charges.

### After You Get the Loan

Notify both OC and Direct Loan Servicing Center:

- If you change your name, address or phone number
- If you change schools
- If you stop attending or drop below 6 credit hours at the school that certified the loan
- If you graduate.

When you are no longer attending 6 credit hours because you've dropped or graduated, do the required exit counseling from the [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov) website. You will receive a 6 month grace period from the date you stopped attending and then begin repayment of your loans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

OC ID (or SSN) \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date (don't skip!) \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested:**

Which timeframe do you want this loan to cover? (include the year) Check only one. \_\_\_\_\_ (For chosen loan term)

- Fall 20\_\_\_\_ and Spring 20\_\_\_\_\_
- Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_
- Spring 20\_\_\_\_\_
- Summer 20\_\_\_\_\_ (treated as one semester for loan purposes) will be processed after Spring break.

Subsidized Stafford loans are need based and the government pays the interest as long as the student is enrolled in six hours or more. Unsubsidized Stafford loans have a higher need limit and the interest builds while the student is in school.

**You must mark one of the boxes below:**

- Only consider me for a subsidized loan. Do not offer me an unsubsidized loan.
- Please consider me for both subsidized and unsubsidized loans.

Will any of these organizations be funding part of your education? Education assistance must be counted as a resource in meeting your need and may reduce your loan eligibility.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WIA                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Workforce Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Vocational Rehab. | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VA                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____               |

**Please read the following and initial each item below:**

- I understand that the disbursement date is the date the loan money is applied to OC charges. \_\_\_\_\_
- I have completed the MPN (master promissory note). \_\_\_\_\_
- I have completed the entrance counseling. \_\_\_\_\_
- I have submitted all transcripts to the Admissions Office and have requested them to be evaluated. \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Stafford Loan request form in its entirety. I understand that I must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours and meet satisfactory academic progress regarding GPA and hours. I understand that my loan will be disbursed in two payments per semester and my first payment cannot be disbursed earlier than the first day of the semester. I understand that I may have to make other payment arrangements until my loan funds arrive. I understand that failure to repay a loan has serious consequences. I understand that repayment starts upon graduation or when my enrollment drops below 6 credit hours.

Student Signature

Date

**FA OFFICE ONLY**

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_