

## FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS

Direct Loans are low-interest loans for students to help pay for the cost of a student's education. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education (**ED**) rather than a bank or other financial institution. Students must meet eligibility requirements to receive a loan. This loan request is only valid for the 2015-2016 school year. **To apply for a student loan follow the instructions below.**

### Instructions for Completing Your Student Loan Request

**Skip Step 2 if you have had a Direct student loan at WVC.**

**Step 1:** Apply for financial aid by completing the **2015 – 2016 FAFSA** at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) .

**Step 2:** Complete **Entrance Counseling** and **Master Promissory Note (MPN)**.

- Go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) and “**Sign In**” using your FSA ID and password.
- Click on the link to “**Complete Counseling**”. Then under “**Entrance Counseling**” click on start. After completing this session:
- Click on the link to “**Complete Master Promissory Note**”. Then select “**Subsidized/Unsubsidized**”. Complete this session and submit.

**Step 3:** Complete and submit the **2015 – 2016 student loan worksheet** to the WVC Financial Aid Office. *Keep this instruction/information sheet for later reference; do NOT turn it in with the worksheet form.*

**If you do not have Internet access, you may use the computers next to the financial aid office or the WVC library to complete the Entrance Counseling and/or the MPN.**

### What happens next?

- 1) **Your loan request is processed** after all steps are completed above. We receive electronic confirmation from the ED that your entrance counseling and MPN have been completed. Processing time can take up to 4 – 6 weeks depending on the volume of applications our office receives.
- 2) **An award letter notification is sent** to your WVC student email. The letter will detail your loan amount(s) for which you are eligible for.
- 3) **Checks are mailed.** Funds will be sent to the college first and will then be applied to any outstanding tuition and any related fee charges, the remaining funds will be mailed to you. **No checks are issued before the quarter begins.** If you have a 30-day hold your funds will not be disbursed until 30 days from the start of the quarter.

**If you have any questions please contact our financial aid office.**

## STUDENT LOAN INFORMATION

**Please read all information and keep for later referencing. Return only the loan worksheet to the financial aid office.**

1. **You must have completed financial aid file at the WVC Financial Aid Office.** This means the 2015 – 2016 FAFSA has been completed, received and processed by both the Department of Education (ED) AND our financial aid office.
2. **You must have completed the Entrance Counseling and the Master Promissory Note (MPN).** The entrance counseling goes over your rights and responsibilities of being a student loan borrower and you MPN is your promise to pay back the loan. If you had a Direct at WVC then you do not need to complete this again.
3. **You must be enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program, taking at least 6 credits & maintain satisfactory academic progress in each quarter you wish to receive a loan.** There is an exception for students who are taking prerequisites only. These students are only eligible for loans and only for a 12 consecutive month period, during which they must be taking at least 6 credits of the required prerequisites per quarter.
4. **If you are a first-year student AND a first-time federal student loan borrower, your first quarter loan disbursement amount must be held for 30 days from the first day of the quarter, so please plan accordingly.** For all other quarters and for non first-year first-time borrowers the 30 day wait period does not apply.
5. Your loan will be issued in multiple disbursements. If you only get awarded for one quarter, ED requires us to separate your loan into two equal payments; one at the beginning of the quarter (unless you have a 30 day hold) and one half-way through. If you check two or more quarters, the loan will be divided among all checked quarters for which you are eligible. We can divide your loan between prior quarters in the same academic year IF you were eligible during the prior quarters. If you are finishing your degree prior to year-end, your loan will be prorated for the appropriate quarters.
6. Grade level is determined by the number of COMPLETED credits applied toward the degree you are CURRENTLY seeking at WVC. For instance, a student in the first quarter of the nursing program would be a first-year student, as any prerequisite credits will not be considered as part of the currently enrolled degree for loan purposes.
7. The ED charges a loan origination fee. This fee is deducted before you receive any loan money, so your net loan amount will be the amount you were awarded minus the origination fee. The fee is 1.068% of the borrowed amount. Interest rate is 4.29%.
8. Remember, this is a federal student loan and it **MUST BE REPAYED**. Don't borrow more than you need. Student loans cannot exceed a student's Cost of Attendance. Year in college, length of program, credit level, dependency status, EFC & all other aid is taken into consideration when determining your eligibility; therefore you may not be eligible for the entire amount that you request.
9. All loan recipients are required to complete loan exit counseling when they graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time status. Exit counseling should be done one quarter before your expected graduation date or within two weeks of when you stop attending classes or withdraw from the college. Loan exit counseling can be done at [www.studentloan.gov](http://www.studentloan.gov).
10. You have the right to cancel your student loan at any time. If you want to cancel a *future* disbursement, you should notify our office two weeks before the expected disbursement date. If your loan has disbursed and you have received a check, you can return the check to our office to be canceled. However, if you have already cashed your loan check you are committed to repaying the loan(s). You can send the funds directly back to your loan servicer as a payment.

**For your Direct loan servicer information & account balance contact:**

US Department of Education  
Phone: 1-800-433-3243  
Web site: [www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov)

Federal Direct Student Loan Program  
 This is a loan and must be repaid

**Please read carefully and complete every item. An incomplete form will delay processing of your loan.**

<b>STUDENT INFORMATION</b> (Please Print)			
Name:		Social Sec. Number:	
Date of Birth:		Student ID Number:	
Address:		Phone Number:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
<b>Please Check One Below:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I had a previous student loan at: _____ When: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> This is my first federal student loan. <b>Note:</b> If you are also a 1 <sup>st</sup> year student you will have a 30 day hold.			
<b>Check the quarter(s) you wish to receive a loan AND select number of credits for those quarter(s):</b> (Must be enrolled in minimum of 6 eligible credits each quarter to receive loans)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2016
<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12(+)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12(+)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12(+)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12(+)
<b>Degree you're seeking at Wenatchee Valley College:</b>			
<b>Estimated Graduation Date at Wenatchee Valley College:</b>			

- **1<sup>st</sup> Year Student:** have less than 50% completed credits towards your program **OR** are in a certificate program at WVC
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student:** have 50% or more completed credits towards you program at WVC

YEARLY MAXIMUM LOAN LIMITS		DEPENDENT MAXIMUMS	INDEPENDENT MAXIMUMS
Year in College	Maximum Subsidized* Limit	Total Maximum Sub/Unsub for the Year	Total Maximum Sub/Unsub for the Year
<b>First Year</b>	\$3,500	\$5,500	\$9,500
<b>Second Year</b>	\$4,500	\$6,500	\$10,500
<b>Prerequisites Only</b>	\$2,625	\$2,625	\$8,625

\* **You must have financial need to be eligible for the Subsidized loan.** We award the eligible amount of subsidized first and then the unsubsidized loan up to your Cost of Attendance; which may be less than the maximum annual amounts shown in charts.

**Enter amount you wish to borrow:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** check:  Maximum Allowed\*\*

\*\*The loan coordinator determines your eligibility; therefore the awarded amount may be less than what you request depending on your eligibility

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial here if you want to receive UNSUBSIDIZED funds** – which accumulate interest while you are in school

If you do not initial here, you will be considered for the maximum **Subsidized** loan limit only. And if you do not qualify for subsidized funds we will automatically cancel your loan request.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Digital/electronic signatures will not be accepted)

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