



## Seward County Community College ♦ Financial Aid Office

### Student Loan Acceptance Form for Award Year 2016-2017

#### **WHAT IS A FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN?**

Direct Loans are available to eligible students (who have a completed financial aid file) through the federal government to help pay for educational expenses. The Department of Education issues Federal Direct Loan funds after approval from the college. While you receive a specific amount that is available to you in federal direct loans, you are not obligated to take out the entirety of the loan offer. There are two different types of federal direct loans:

- **Subsidized loan:** awarded based on financial need. If you qualify, the federal government pays interest on the loan ("subsidizes the loan") until you begin repayment and during authorized periods of deferment.
- **Unsubsidized loan:** not awarded based on financial need. If you qualify for an unsubsidized loan you will be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is repaid in full.

#### **150% DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOAN LIMITATIONS**

Federal law limits eligibility for subsidized loans to 150% of the length of the student's declared academic program. The new limitation affects new borrowers or borrowers whose loans were paid off in full prior to receiving loans on or after July 1, 2013. Once a borrower has reached the 150% limit and has not finished their educational program, they will lose the interest subsidy for subsidized loans. The interest will begin to accrue effective the date of continuing of new enrollment. Unpaid interest will be capitalized (added to the loan principal balance) at repayment. For example:

- An associate degree (2-year program length) has a maximum of 3 years subsidized eligibility.
- A certificate (1-year program length) has a maximum of 1.5 years subsidized eligibility.

#### **ORIGINATIONS FEES & REPAYMENT**

Origination fees are assessed by the Department of Education for each loan disbursement. Contact the office for current origination fee amounts. Repayment is not required until after the student graduates, withdraws, or is no longer enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

#### **SEMESTER AND DISBURSMENT INFORMATION**

Disbursement occurs when financial aid funds are applied to the student account. If the financial aid disbursement is more than the charges on the student account, the student will receive a refund. Disbursements are applied to student accounts after Certification Date with refunds available at the cashier's desk with a valid photo id.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS**

##### **First Time Borrowers:**

- Completed Student Loan Acceptance Form
- Entrance Counseling – done on studentloans.gov by logging in with your FSAID
- Master Promissory Note – done on studentloans.gov by logging in with your FSAID

##### **Students with Previously Borrowed Loans:**

- Completed Student Loan Acceptance Form
- Master Promissory Note – done on studentloans.gov by logging in with your FSAID, a new Master Promissory Note must be completed each year a loan is borrowed at SCCC.
- Entrance Counseling – done on studentloans.gov by logging in with your FSAID, Entrance Counseling must be completed each year a loan is borrowed at SCCC.

#### **STUDENT CERTIFICATION – Please initial the line next to each statement:**

- I acknowledge that I have completed the REQUIRED Entrance Counseling at studentloans.gov.
- I have selected Seward County Community College to be notified of my Entrance Counseling completion.
- I acknowledge that I have completed the REQUIRED Master Promissory Note at studentloans.gov.
- I acknowledge that I am not required to take out the full amount that is offered to me in either subsidized or unsubsidized loans and that I am able to select an amount (within what is offered) according to my educational expenses and charges.
- I understand that my loan funds will be applied to my educational charges at Seward County Community College before I receive a refund from my loan.
- I understand that delayed disbursements and refunds occur for classes that begin after the initial semester start date.
- I understand that my hours of enrollment and expected graduation date may affect my loan eligibility.
- I understand that my financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, federal work study, payments made by third parties cannot exceed my cost of attendance and that the Financial Aid Office will notify me of any revisions made to my awards.

Student loan applications cannot be processed until all requirements have been met. Please fill out the form in its entirety (front and back) along with all required documentation mentioned in the checklist on the other side of this paper. Print legibly and in ink.

Student Name:

Student ID#

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Apartment Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**Two complete references are required. References must reside in the United States and have different addresses and different phone numbers.** A parent is preferred as a first reference for all students, but other adult family members are acceptable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address/PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address/PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to You

**Indicate the semester(s) for which you wish to borrow a loan:**

FALL/SPRING (Aug. 2016-May 2017)

FALL only (Aug. 2016-Dec. 2016)

SPRING only (Jan. 2017-May 2017)

**Enter the total amount you are requesting for the semester(s) and check the type(s) of loan(s) you are accepting:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_  Subsidized  Unsubsidized  Both

**Loan adjustments/Cancellation – ONLY TO BE FILLED OUT AFTER INITIAL LOAN HAS BEEN RECEIVED:**

Loan term:  FALL/SPRING (Aug. 2016-May 2017)  FALL only (Aug. 2016-Dec. 2016)  SPRING only (Jan. 2017-May 2017)

Loan Type:  Subsidized  Unsubsidized  Both

Increase my loan from \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \$\_\_\_\_\_ (This amount includes any previous amounts)

Decrease my loan from \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to CANCEL my loan in its entirety for 2016-2017.

Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the 2016-2017 Student Loan Acceptance Form in its entirety and certify that I acknowledge the information contained within. I understand that loan funds are to be used for education-related expenses and must be repaid regardless of the outcome of my education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Borrower's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date