



## US Foreign School Loan Information

### How to apply for Federal Stafford & PLUS Loans to Study outside the United States

Below is an outline of how to access US Federal and private loan programs outside the United States. The aid process is similar to applying for aid at a US based institution; however there are some key differences that do make applying for aid outside the US different.

Non-US schools are **NOT** allowed to:

1. Receive the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application and Student Aid Report (SAR) electronically
2. To access aid other than Federal Stafford and PLUS loans (Perkins, Pell Grants etc.. not permitted at foreign schools)
3. To use the Master Promissory Note (MPN) for more than one year at a time.

By being proactive however, and following the steps outlined below, you should still be able to access your aid in a timely manner.

#### What will I be eligible for?

*Graduate students in a one-year (or more) program*

As of July 1, 2007, Graduate students will be eligible to borrow up to \$20,500 in Federal Stafford loans. The unsubsidized Stafford portion will increase by \$2000, allowing Graduate students to borrow up to \$12,000. Depending on your eligibility up to \$8,500 may be Subsidized Stafford.

Additional amounts may be borrowed each year above this amount through **Graduate PLUS Loan Program or private, credit-based loans**. The maximum amount you may borrow is established by the university based on the Cost of Attendance (COA).

Initial Subsidized Stafford	Additional Unsubsidized Stafford		Combined Levels Annual Max.
Graduate/Professional	\$8500	\$12000	\$20500

*Undergraduate students **receiving** their degree overseas*

Effective July 1, 2008, the Stafford loan limits will increase for *Dependent and Independent Undergraduate Students*.

Your Stafford loan eligibility will vary based on the information from your SAR and your grade level. See chart below.

Additional amounts may be borrowed each year above the Stafford amounts through the **Parent PLUS Loan Program OR private, credit-based loans (e.g. International Student Loan Program)**. The maximum amount you may borrow is established by the university based on the Cost of Attendance (COA).

Initial Subsidized Stafford	Additional Unsubsidized Stafford	Combined Levels Annual Maximums	
<b>Dependent Undergraduates</b>			
1st Year	\$3500	\$2000	\$5500
2nd Year	\$4500	\$2000	\$6500
3rd Year and higher	\$5500	\$2000	\$7500
<b>Independent Undergraduates</b>			
1st Year	\$3500	\$6000	\$9500
2nd Year	\$4500	\$6000	\$10500
3rd Year and higher	\$5500	\$7000	\$12500

### Accessing the Loans in Four Basic Steps

**STEP 1:** *Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).*

Complete the FAFSA on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and list the **school code** for the institution that you wish to have access to your information.

**Institutions located outside the United States will not receive this information electronically.**

*How does the university receive the information?*

In order for them to process your aid, you need to obtain and submit the **Eight-Page Student Aid Report (SAR)** to the school, which is available after you complete the FAFSA. The normal SAR receipt you are mailed by the Department of Education is not enough.

*Two different ways to get the **Eight-Page SAR***

1. When you complete your FAFSA on-line **do not list your email address** and the *Eight-Page SAR* will be mailed to you.
2. If you wish to list your email, after the FAFSA is processed you can call 1-800-4FEDAID or 1-319-337-5665 and request the *Eight-Page SAR*.

**STEP 2:** *Obtaining a lender*

Not all lenders have experience working with foreign schools and this often causes delays in processing and delivery of cheques. The University of New Brunswick highly recommends the following lenders for their excellent service to US students studying in foreign schools.

*Lenders:*

**IEFC:** International Education Finance Corporation (IEFC) is a company that specializes in students studying **internationally**. IEFC provides Stafford, PLUS and private credit based loans through *Bank of America, Chase, Citizen's Bank and Wachovia (see chart below)*. For more information go to [www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com) or call 1-888-296-4332 *IEFC Lender Information*

\*REPAYMENT BENEFIT - Currently, **Bank of America is offering 2% interest rate reduction** on Stafford and PLUS to borrowers who elect to have their payments automatically withdrawn from their bank account during repayment.

Lender Name	Lender Code	*Servicer	Servicer Website
Nelnet	833669-55	NELNET	www.nelnet.com
Sallie Mae	802218	Sallie Mae	www.salliemae.com
Wachovia Education Finance	830005	Wachovia	www.wachovia.com

Effective July 1, 2006, the Stafford & PLUS loan programs now have a Fixed Interest Rate. Lenders can provide repayment benefits for Stafford and PLUS. Please visit [www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com) for further details.

*Obtaining your Master Promissory Note (MPN)*

1. Go to [www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com)
2. On the right, under "United States Citizens," click "Stafford Loan Program"
3. On the right, under "Graduate" or "Undergraduate" click "**Apply Online**"
4. You will be directed to American Student Assistance – ASA Direct website (IEFC's Guarantor). Follow the instructions to create your user account
5. Select "Apply for a Stafford Loan." Follow the instructions to complete your Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)
6. For Parent PLUS or GRAD PLUS, follow steps listed above and select "PLUS Loan Program"

School DOE code is for the University of New Brunswick is: **00668500**

**STEP 3:** Send your information to the University of New Brunswick

1. The **Eight-Page SAR**
2. **Master Promissory Notes (MPN)** for Stafford and PLUS
3. **School Certification Forms** for Stafford and PLUS

Mail to:

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**STEP 4:** Complete Loan Entrance Counselling on-line

Go to [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org) to learn the in's and out's of your Stafford and PLUS loans. You must complete an entrance interview to receive your Federal Stafford & PLUS funding.