

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



Stafford and PLUS Loan Borrower Rights and Responsibilities

ALL STUDENTS:

Please read the following carefully so that you understand your responsibilities when borrowing a Stafford Loan:

1. I certify that I am admitted to the University of Northern Colorado in a degree-granting program. If a graduate student, I am admitted to a certification and/or graduate program of study. If I am admitted provisionally or conditionally, my loan will be processed for one term only.
2. I understand that if I am admitted to a teacher certification program through the Graduate School, I am only eligible to borrow a maximum of \$12,500 in Stafford Loan if an independent student and I will need to be enrolled in 12 hours if full-time or 6 hours if half-time for each semester of my loan period.
3. I must enroll in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours for each semester included in my loan period to be considered full time as an undergraduate; nine (9) credit hours if a graduate.

I understand that if I apply as a half-time student I will enroll in a minimum of six (6) credit hours for each semester included in my loan period, if undergraduate; five (5) credit hours if graduate.

4. I understand that if I do not meet the above minimum credit hours requirement each semester my Stafford Loan funds **WILL NOT BE DISBURSED TO ME**, and will be returned to the appropriate lender, unless other arrangements have been made with a counselor.
5. I understand that I must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the UNC Academic Progress Standards, **BEFORE MY STAFFORD LOAN WILL BE CERTIFIED** or **BEFORE LOAN FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED**.
6. I understand that all funds will be credited to my university bill first, with any remaining balance directly deposited into my bank account. If I do not have an account to which a direct deposit can be made, I understand that I may not receive funds as quickly because refund checks are only printed twice a week.
7. I understand that my Stafford Loan funds will not cover any prior semester balance not included in my loan period, and funds for the current term will not credit my account until the prior balance is paid.

8. I understand that if I complete the application process after July 1, or fail to provide documentation to complete my file by August 7, **I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SERVICE CHARGES** added to my UNC bill.
9. I understand my award letter is for Fall and Spring semesters. I am aware if I borrow the maximum amount for the academic year, I will not have any loan eligibility for the summer term.
10. I understand annual Stafford loan limits are \$5,500 for freshmen, \$6,500 for sophomores, \$7,500 for juniors and seniors and \$20,500 for graduate students. Additional unsubsidized loan limits for independent undergraduates and those whose parent is denied a PLUS loan are \$4,000 for freshmen and sophomores, \$5,000 for juniors and seniors (not to exceed cost of attendance).
11. I understand that if I withdraw completely before 60% of the semester is completed, a portion of my loan funds may be returned to my lender. I understand this reduces my total loan borrowed, but that I may owe the amount to the University of Northern Colorado.
12. I understand that all loans require two disbursements one for fall semester and one for spring.
13. I understand my loan(s) may be reduced or cancelled if I receive other financial aid for the period of the award.

PLUS LOAN BORROWER:

Please review the following information carefully with your student so you and your student are aware of the responsibilities.

1. I certify that my student is admitted to the University of Northern Colorado in an undergraduate degree-granting program.
 2. I understand UNC requires that the FAFSA be filed before approving a PLUS loan. I further understand that I must complete and submit a PLUS Authorization form before a PLUS loan will be certified.
 3. I understand that my student must be enrolled a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester to receive PLUS funds.
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4. I understand that if my student does not meet the above

minimum credit hours required, the PLUS funds **WILL NOT BE DISBURSED** or may be returned to the appropriate lender.

5. I understand that my student must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the UNC Academic Progress Standards, **BEFORE MY LOAN APPLICATION WILL BE CERTIFIED OR BEFORE LOAN FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED.**
6. I understand the lender will do a credit check before the loan is approved.
7. I understand PLUS Loans require two disbursements, one each semester.
8. I understand the PLUS Loan **CANNOT** be used to defer the student bill. I also understand that if I complete the application process after July 1, or fail to provide documentation to complete my student's file by August 7, **I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SERVICE CHARGES** added to my student's UNC bill.
9. I understand that funds awarded by UNC are to be used to defray educational expenses at UNC. I further understand that if my student withdraws completely before 60% of the semester has passed, that UNC may return PLUS funds to my lender and I may owe UNC the amount returned and any subsequent charges.
10. I understand my loan(s) may be reduced or cancelled if my student receives other sources of financial aid for the period of the award.