## Financial Aid Office



## Dear Student:

You have indicated that you are interested in applying for a Direct Student Loan. In order to be considered for a loan, you must have a complete financial aid file, enroll in a least six credit hours in a financial aid eligible program and be making satisfactory academic progress. To be considered, please complete the following steps to assure you receiving a student loan:

- 1. Complete entrance counseling, required for all borrowers, at <a href="https://studentloans.gov.">https://studentloans.gov.</a>
- 2. Once your entrance counseling has been submitted, <u>sign your Master Promissory Note (MPN)</u> at https://studentloans.gov.
- 3. Apply for a loan by submitting the attached Federal Direct Loan Request form to the Financial Aid Office.

Once you have completed all of the above steps, you will be awarded a student loan and will receive an award letter in the mail. You must log into your Student Portal and select My Financial Aid. **NOTE: You must be in the correct term for the awards to appear**. Click **Accept** in order for the award to be fully processed and applied to your student billing account.

All debt owed to Clarendon College will be deducted from your financial aid award before you may receive a financial aid refund. If the amount of your financial aid award does not cover your obligation, in full, you will be responsible for paying the balance. After your bill is paid, you will receive your excess funds as a financial aid refund within 4 weeks after the first day of class. Disbursement is contingent on your file being complete and your enrollment status.

If you have further questions about the financial aid process, please feel free to contact the Clarendon College Financial Aid Office at (806) 874-4810.

Sincerely,

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## **Direct Loan Acceptance Form**

Your eligibility for loan funds will be determined based upon your enrollment at Clarendon College, the period of the loan, the educational costs for this period, and the anticipated financial resources you will receive during the period of the loan. Your loan may be subsidized or unsubsidized depending upon your financial need, as determined by the FAFSA.

**Subsidized Stafford:** Students must have unmet financial need as determined by the FAFSA. The government will pay the interest on the loan during the in-school period. The interest rate for undergraduate subsidized loans disbursed after students, the interest rate is a fixed interest rate of 3.76%.

**Unsubsidized Stafford:** If your loan is unsubsidized, the interest will accrue on the loan while you are in school. Students may choose to pay the interest quarterly during the in-school period, or capitalize the interest until repayment of the loan begins. The interest rate is a fixed rate of 3.76%.

Master Promissory Note: A promissory note is a binding legal document you sign when you get a student loan. It contains the loan terms and conditions under which you are borrowing and the terms under which you agree to pay back the loan. It is important to read, understand, and save this document. You must complete a new loan acceptance form for each loan period. You must complete a new master promissory note if you are a first-time borrower, if you have changed lenders, or if your loan has been sold to the U.S. Department of Education or other lender/servicer. To determine if your loan has been sold, please review your loans on the National Student Loan database at <a href="www.nslds.ed.qov">www.nslds.ed.qov</a>. You may also contact your current lender to ensure they have a valid master promissory note on file.

Repayment Begins: 6 months after a student graduates or drops below half-time enrollment.

Enrollment Status: Students must be enrolled half-time. Half-time for undergraduates is 6 credit hours. Half-time for graduates is 4 credit hours. Students who drop below half-time will have future disbursements cancelled and must complete exit loan counseling. For example, if the student is approved for a fall/spring loan and drops below half-time in the fall, the spring portion of the loan will be cancelled and the student will need to reapply for the loan if they want loan funds for spring. This process can delay the receipt of spring loan funds. For summer loans students must be enrolled in six credit hours and at least one course must be in the regular eight-week summer term.

**Disbursement:** Loan funds are disbursed in accordance with the Federal Student Aid Guidance published by the Department of Education. Additional disbursement rules apply for student's receiving financial aid on a probationary status.

**Cancellation:** You have the right to request cancellation of any part of this loan for a period of up to 14 days after receiving your and submit the written request to the Clarendon College Financial Aid Office.

**Entrance Counseling:** An information session which takes place before the loan is disbursed and is required for all Clarendon College loan borrowers. The session explains your rights and responsibilities as a student loan borrower. Entrance counseling may be completed through an online counseling session, in person with your financial aid counselor, or by mail. For more information, view the Clarendon College financial aid website at http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/FinAid/finaidhome.html.

**Exit Counseling:** An information session which must be completed when the student loan borrower ceases half-time enrollment or graduates. The session provides information on your loans and when repayment begins. Exit counseling may be completed through an online counseling session, in person with your financial aid counselor, or by mail. For more information, view the Clarendon College financial aid website at http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/FinAid/finaidhome.html.



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Student's Name:		Student's SSN or ID Number:	
[ ] Fall & Spring [ ] Fa	all, Spring, & Summer [ ] Fall Only	[ ] Spring Only	[ ] Summer Only
Annual Loan Limits	Freshman – 29 or Less cred	it hours	Sophomore – 30 or More credit hours
Subsidized Loans	\$3,500		\$4,500
Unsubsidized Loan	\$2,000 (Dependent) Up to \$6,000 (In	ndependent)	\$2,000 (Dependent) Up to \$6,000 (Independent)
You must ent	er an amount. Please do not use	the phrase "N	laximum amount available".
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Must read and initial the fol	lowing:		
Incomplete forms WILL N	IOT BE PROCESSED.		
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Unsubsidized Loan – Not during grace and deferme	-	ged during all perio	ods, even during the time a student is in school and
Minimum of 6 credit hou	r requirement.		
	nto two equal disbursements. Generally, loan will be disbursed half for the fall se		it will be half of the total amount requested. r the spring semester.
Single term loans are divious at the 50 percent		<sup>st</sup> disbursement is	based on borrower status; the 2 <sup>nd</sup> disbursement
If you are a first time stud semester.	dent loan borrower, your 1 <sup>st</sup> loan disburs	ement will be disb	oursed 30 calendar days from the start of the
First time student loan be (MPN) online at <u>www.stu</u>		ounseling and sign	a Stafford Direct Loan Master Promissory note
			ents: 1st loan disbursement will be disbursed 30 60 calendar days from the semester start date.
			nt student) and the classification of the student be and amount of loan a student is eligible to receive.
Student Signature		Data	