

Federal Perkins Loan:

The Federal Perkins Loan is a campus-based loan program administered through the Financial Aid Office at Monmouth College and serviced by UAS (University Accounting Service, LLC). The Perkins Loan has a fixed 5% interest rate, however, no interest accrues on the loan while the student is enrolled in college. Interest begins accruing once the student is no longer enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours). Eligibility for the Perkins loan is determined based on the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the student's calculated financial need. The amount offered will vary depending on the individual student's file. If a student is eligible for the Federal Perkins Loan, it will be included and offered as part of the overall Financial Assistance Award Letter.

Steps to Finalize your Perkins Loan

- 1) If you are awarded a Federal Perkins Loan on your Monmouth College Financial Assistance Award Letter and wish to accept the loan, circle the "Y" (Yes) next to the award. Sign the Award Letter and return it to the Financial Aid Office at Monmouth College.
- 2) After July 1, 2009, you will be contacted through your MC email account and provided instructions on completing a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for the Federal Perkins Loan. The Perkins Loan MPN will be completed online at www.signmyloan.com with the use of your federally issued pin#. (The same pin# you used to sign your FAFSA). Wait for the email and then follow the instructions included in the email.
- 3) An online Entrance Loan Counseling Interview is required prior to the loan being disbursed. Instructions for completing the Entrance Loan Counseling will be included in the email after July 1, 2009.

Federal Stafford Loan:

Eligibility amounts on Stafford Loans are set by the Federal Government based on the student's grade level/earned credits. We have packaged the loan amount in accordance to the transcript records we currently have on file. No loan application is necessary, however a student must complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) with the Federal Government Department of Education.

Steps to Finalize your Stafford Loan

- 1) If you wish to accept the loan, circle the "Y" (Yes) next to the award. Sign the Award Letter and return it to the Financial Aid Office.
- 2) Visit www.dlenote.ed.gov to complete an online MPN. Complete the information requested in its entirety to ensure timely processing.
- 3) Be sure to read all information. You will be asked to supply personal information, along with two references with address and phone numbers.
- 4) Electronically sign the MPN using your pin#. (The same pin# you used to sign your FAFSA).
- 5) Visit www.dl.ed.gov to complete the necessary Entrance Loan Counseling for the Federal Stafford Loan. This must be completed prior to the loan being disbursed. As a first-time borrower at Monmouth College, this is a mandatory exercise. By completing the Loan Counseling you will be made aware of your rights and your responsibilities as a borrower. When you submit your completed counseling online, Monmouth College will receive confirmation. We will then proceed with processing the loan.

Federal Parent PLUS Loan:

Families who need additional help in financing their children's education have the option to borrow a Federal Parent (PLUS) loan. This loan is not based on financial need, but should be considered only after the student's Stafford Loan eligibility has been determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Steps to Finalize a Parent (PLUS) Loan

- 1) Applications can be initiated directly online with Monmouth College at www.monm.edu/financial-aid/parent-loan-app/. During this step you will specify a dollar amount.
- 2) Submission of the online application will make it possible for Monmouth College's Financial Aid Office to then initiate the PLUS loan on your behalf directly with the Federal Government, Department of Education.
- 3) Visit www.dlenote.ed.gov to complete an online Master Promissory Note (MPN). Parents should complete the information requested in its entirety to ensure timely processing.
- 4) Electronically sign the MPN using your pin#. (The same pin# you used to sign the parent section of the FAFSA). If you are not the parent who signed the FAFSA and do not already have a government issued pin#, then you may visit www.pin.ed.gov to obtain one.

PLUS Loan Key Points:

- **Pre-Approval:** All PLUS loans are subject to credit approval based on credit history.
- **Borrowing Limits:** Parent may borrow up to the Budget or Cost of Attendance minus total other aid. The amount you wish to borrow must be specified in a dollar amount on the Online Loan Application.
- **Fees:** A federal origination fee of 3% will be deducted from your PLUS loan prior to disbursement. (example: If you borrow \$1000 only \$970 will be disbursed due to the 3% reduction)
- **Disbursement:** Your PLUS loan will be disbursed in two equal disbursements. Interest begins to accrue the day the loan proceeds are first disbursed by the lender.