

San Diego Miramar College

FEDERAL DIRECT SUBSIDIZED STUDENT LOAN REQUEST FOR 2024-2025 Direct Loan Program Packet Contents

Required Loan Steps:

1. Submit the Federal Direct Subsidized Student Loan Request form to the Financial Aid office at San Diego Miramar College.
2. Complete and sign the electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN):
<https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>
3. Complete the Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling: <https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>

Time Limitation on Direct Subsidized Loan Eligibility for First-Time Borrowers on or after July 1, 2013

Maximum eligibility period to receive Direct Subsidized Loans

There is a limit on the maximum period of time (measured in academic years) that you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans. In general, you may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the published length of your program. This is called your “maximum eligibility period”. You can usually find the published length of any program of study in your school’s catalog.

For example, if you are enrolled in a 4-year bachelor’s degree program, the maximum period for which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is 6 years (150% of 4 years = 6 years). If you are enrolled in a 2-year associate degree program, the maximum period for which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is 3 years (150% of 2 years = 3 years).

Your maximum eligibility period is based on the published length of your current program. This means that your maximum eligibility period can change if you change programs. Also, if you receive Direct Subsidized Loans for one program and then change to another program, the Direct Subsidized Loans you received for the earlier program will generally count against your new maximum eligibility period.

Click [here](#) to see some examples that show how your maximum eligibility period can change if you change programs.

Periods that count against your maximum eligibility period

The periods of time that count against your maximum eligibility period are periods of enrollment (also known as “loan periods”) for which you received Direct Subsidized Loans.

For example, if you are a full-time student and you receive a Direct Subsidized Loan that covers the fall and spring semesters (a full academic year), this will count as one year against your maximum eligibility period.

If you receive a Direct Subsidized Loan for a period of enrollment that is shorter than a full academic year, the period that counts against your maximum usage period will generally be reduced accordingly.

For example, if you are a full-time student and you receive a Direct Subsidized Loan that covers the fall semester but not the spring semester, this will count as one-half of a year against your maximum eligibility period.

With one exception, the amount of a Direct Subsidized Loan you receive for a period of enrollment does not affect how much of your maximum eligibility period you have used. That is, even if you receive a Direct Subsidized Loan in an amount that is less than the full annual loan limit, that lesser amount does not reduce the amount of your maximum eligibility period you have used. The one exception applies if you receive the full annual loan limit for a loan period that does not cover the whole academic year. In that case, the loan will count as one year against your maximum eligibility period regardless of your enrollment status (half-time, three-quarter time, or full-time).

Click [here](#) to see an example.

Effect of borrowing while enrolled part-time

If you receive a Direct Subsidized Loan when you are enrolled less than full-time, the period that is counted against your maximum eligibility period will be reduced.

For example, if you are enrolled half-time and receive a Direct Subsidized Loan for a period of enrollment that covers a full academic year, this will count as only one-half of a year against your maximum eligibility period.

Loss of eligibility for additional Direct Subsidized Loans and becoming responsible for paying interest on Direct Subsidized Loans

After you have received Direct Subsidized Loans for your maximum eligibility period, you are no longer eligible to receive additional Direct Subsidized Loans. However, you may continue to receive Direct Unsubsidized Loans.

In addition, if you continue to be enrolled in any undergraduate program after you have received

Direct Subsidized Loans for your maximum eligibility period, we will no longer (with certain exceptions) pay the interest that accrues on your Direct Subsidized Loans for periods when we would normally would have done so. The chart below provides examples of these circumstances.

Do I become responsible for paying the interest that accrues on my Direct Subsidized Loans because . . .	Yes	No
I am no longer eligible for Direct Subsidized Loans and I stay enrolled in my current program?	X	
I am no longer eligible for Direct Subsidized Loans, did not graduate from my prior program, and am enrolled in an undergraduate program that is the same length or shorter than my prior program?	X	
I transferred into the shorter program and lost eligibility for Direct Subsidized Loans because I have received Direct Subsidized loans for a period that equals or exceeds my new, lower maximum eligibility period, which is based on the length of the new program?	X	
I was no longer eligible for Direct Subsidized Loans, did not graduate from my prior program, and am enrolled in an undergraduate program that is longer than my prior program?		X
I lose eligibility for Direct Subsidized Loans and immediately withdraw from my program?		X
I graduated from my prior program prior to or upon meeting the 150% limit, and enroll in an undergraduate program that is the same length or shorter than my prior program?		X
I enroll in a graduate or professional program?		X
I enroll in preparatory coursework that I am required to complete to enroll in a graduate or professional program?		X
I enroll in a teacher certification program (where my school does not award an academic credential)?		X

Direct Loan Program

eMPN

Dear Borrower:

You have made a decision to apply for a Federal Student Loan. You have completed the Entrance Counseling Session for student borrowers OR you are a parent applying for a PLUS loan.

Student borrowers as well as a parent borrower are able to:

1. Use the multi-year functionality of the Master Promissory Note.
 - a. This means that you will only need to sign one promissory note for all the Federal Direct student loans that you take while a student at SD Miramar College. Students applying for a direct loan are subject to the restrictions under Experimental Site Initiative on Additional Loan Counseling.
 - b. That you will bear a greater level of awareness, responsibility and accountability on your total cumulative loan level.
 - c. The total cumulative amount that a student can borrow on a subsidized loan is \$23,000. There is no PLUS loan cumulative limit.
2. You can complete and sign the electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) on- line at <https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>. You must use your PIN number to access the Entrance Counseling Session and to complete the Master Promissory Note.
 - a. The eMPN can be signed at any time. **However**, you will not have a student loan until you have completed the on-line Entrance Counseling, the “Student Loan Request” form, as well as signed the Promissory Note and any other requirements. For those notified that you have been randomly selected for the “Treatment Group”, you will also need to provide confirmation of completion of the required additional loan counseling.
 - b. The process to complete an eMPN is easy and user friendly. You will have to complete 9 Steps. If, you stop the process before finishing all 9 steps, you will have to start from the beginning with Step 1.
3. Once you have completed all 9 steps and printed your MPN, the U.S. Department of Education will up-date their database and sends an acknowledgement notification to our school.
 - a. If you choose to request a paper MPN, the US Department of Education will print and send you a copy of your MPN which you will return to them via the U.S. Postal Service.
4. The loan request must be processed and accepted by the Department of Education.
5. Provided that you meet all other conditions, time frames, loan eligibility requirements and if needed, having your appeal petition approved by the Appeal’s Committee, your loan funds will be disbursed as scheduled.

Sincerely,
Financial Aid Office Staff

