

Federal Stafford Loan Terms and Conditions

Interest Rates

Federal Stafford Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006 have a fixed interest rate of 6.80%. The *College Cost Reduction and Access Act* will adjust the **fixed** interest rate on all **undergraduate Subsidized** Stafford Loans according to the following chart:

<u>For Loans Disbursed</u>	<u>Fixed Interest Rate</u>
7/1/06 to 6/30/08	6.80%
7/1/08 to 6/30/09	6.00%
7/1/09 to 6/30/10	5.60%
7/1/10 to 6/30/11	4.50%
7/1/11 to 6/30/12	3.40%

Federal Unsubsidized loans will remain at the 6.8% fixed interest rate.

Repayment

In most cases, regular loan payments begin after the loan grace period, or 6 months after the student graduates, leaves school, or drops below half-time enrollment. Repayment will initially be scheduled for fixed monthly payments over a 10 year period. Each lender will offer other repayment options for interested students.

How to Apply for a Federal Stafford Loan

Students should complete the following steps to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan:

1. [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
2. Accept the desired loan(s) on the Financial Aid Award Offer

Students accepting a Federal Stafford Loan for the first time will need to complete their Entrance Interview and Master Promissory Note (MPN) before North Country will certify their federal student loans.

1. Complete the Entrance Interview by going to www.mappingyourfuture.org
2. Once you finish your entrance counseling, continue to the e-MPN process. This will automatically happen when you exit our of the confirmation page of your entrance interview. The website is <https://asadirect.amsa.com/ewp/Login/borrowerlogin.asp?i=00711100>
3. Once you have completed these two steps, North Country will then certify your student loan(s).

Frequently Used Stafford Loan Lender List

As a Student borrower, you may select any participating, Federally Authorized student loan lender to service your loan needs. North Country does and will process your loan request from any authorized lender in the Federal Student Loan Program. Students should note that North Country has selected the following lenders as our frequently used lenders. You may select any authorized lender based on your own criteria.

Edamerica
Lender Code 831453
Phone: 800-337-1009
Fax: 877-533-7587

<http://partners.edfinancial.com/1831453/f007111/Home/tabid/9035/Default.aspx>

Wachovia Education Finance
Lender Code 830005
Phone: 1-800-338-2243
Fax: 888-451-0733
www.wachovia.com/education

Nelnet
Lender Code: 833669
Phone: 1-888-486-4722
www.nelnet.com

Citizens Bank
Lender Code: 807745
Phone: 1-800-708-6684
www.citizensbank.com/edu

North Country uses American Student Assistance (ASA) as their guarantor agency based on past experience with them in processing loans for our students as well as their current default prevention programs. You may select any authorized guarantor agency based on your own criteria.

Stafford Loan Comparison Chart

Lender	Fees	Borrower Benefits	Lender Code	Website
Edamerica	0.5% Origination fee 1% Default Fee	0.25% interest rate reduction For enrollment in ACH electronic billing	831453	Edamerica Student Loan
Wachovia Education Finance	0.5% Origination fee 1% Default Fee	no incentives offered at this time	83005	Wachovia Student Loans
Nelnet	0.5% Origination fee 1% Default Fee	0.25% interest rate reduction for enrollment in ACH electronic billing, 1% reduction after the first 12 payments are made on time	833669	www.nelnet.com
Citizens Bank	0.5% Origination fee 1% Default fee	0.25% interest rate reduction for enrollment in ACH electronic billing	807745	www.citizensbank.com/edu

Please note: This information is for comparison purposes only. Please contact each individual lending agency for specific and up to date information on benefits and criteria used to qualify for and maintain eligibility for advertised benefits. North Country has selected the above lenders as being recommended based on our past experience with them in servicing loans for our students. The lenders on this list are not in alphabetical order. The order above is based on lender volume with North Country students in the past. You may select any authorized lender based on your own criteria.

Federal Parents Loan (PLUS)

The Federal PLUS Loan is available to help parents meet the cost of their child's college education. These loans are made to parents of full or half-time dependent undergraduate students, maintaining satisfactory academic progress. As a parent, you may borrow up to the cost of education minus any other financial aid. A credit check is required and is based on lenient federal standards – no debt-to-income ratios or credit scoring. A parent is more likely to be approved on a PLUS application than as co-signer on a private alternative loan.

The repayment period for PLUS loans is up to 10 years, with a variety of repayment options. There are no pre-payment penalties, and there are provisions for death or total, permanent disability. PLUS loans are appealing to many families because of their low, fixed interest rate. Federal PLUS Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006 have a fixed interest rate of 8.5%. Accrued interest is capitalized once you enter repayment.

All Federal PLUS Loans may be subject to fees up to 4%, taken from the value of the loan at the time it is disbursed to the school. The loan amounts on financial aid award notifications represent the gross amount (amount before the fees have been paid).

How to Apply for a Federal Parent (PLUS) Loan

1. The student must have completed the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).
2. Visit www.amsa.com/direct.
3. Obtain a fast credit check online.
4. Complete your PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) online.
5. If you are denied a PLUS loan, you will receive a denial letter with instructions for requesting a review. If you are subsequently approved, the Financial Aid Office will be notified and the process will proceed as above.
6. If you are denied and unable to justify a request for review OR your review confirmed your denial, the student will then be eligible for an additional unsubsidized Stafford loan. Please have your son/daughter contact the financial aid office to discuss this option, and other options for funding his/her North Country Community College education.

Frequently Used Parent Loan Lenders

As a Parent borrower, you may select any Federally Authorized student loan lender to service your loan needs. North Country does and will process your loan request from any authorized lender in the Federal Student Loan Program. Parents should note that North Country has selected the following lenders as being preferred based on our past experience with them in servicing loans for our students. You may select any authorized lender based on your own criteria.

Edamerica

Lender Code 831453

Phone: 800-337-1009

Fax: 877-533-7587

<http://partners.edfinancial.com/1831453/f007111/Home/PLUS/tabid/9052/Default.aspx>

Wachovia Education Finance

Lender Code 830005

Phone: 1-800-338-2243

Fax: 1-888-451-0733

www.wachovia.com/plus

Nelnet

Lender Code: 833669

Phone: 1-888-486-4722

www.nelnet.com

Citizens Bank

Lender Code: 807745

Phone: 1-800-708-6684

www.citizensbank.com/edu

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Parent Loan Lender Comparison Chart

Lender	Fees	Parent Plus Rate	Lender Code	Website
Edamerica	3% Origination Fee 1% Default Fee	8.5% (4% fees withheld)	831453	Edamerica Parent Loan
Wachovia Education Finance	3% Origination fee 1% Default fee	8.5% (4% fees withheld)	830005	Wachovia Parent Loan
Nelnet	3% Origination Fee 1% Default Fee	8.5% (4% fees withheld)	833669	www.nelnet.com
Citizens Bank	3% Origination fee 1% Default fee	8.5% (4% fees withheld)	807745	www.citizensbank.com/edu

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