



Federal Direct Loan FACTS and Repayment Chart

The U.S. Department of Education's student loan program is the Federal Direct Loan program. Loans can come from the federal government or from private sources, such as a bank or financial institution. Be sure you understand your loan obligations and responsibilities when you borrow.

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Requirements

- MTSA students must complete the [FAFSA](#) prior to requesting a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. MTSA's school code is [0077830](#).
- First time Direct Unsubsidized loan borrowers at MTSA must carefully read and sign a [Master Promissory Note \(MPN\)](#) electronically, and complete Loan Entrance Counseling, online at [www.studentloans.gov](#).
- Maximum amount eligible per payment period is \$20,500. You are eligible to borrow this amount four times. If you wish your award package to include the unsubsidized loan, you may need to stack it with another type of loan if additional funds are needed.
- You are responsible for the interest that begins to accrue on the loan as soon as it disburses.

Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Requirements

- Must complete the [FAFSA](#).
- The Federal Grad PLUS Loans are credit based. If adverse credit is determined, you may elect to have a credit worthy co-borrower co-sign the note with you and complete entrance counseling.
- You are responsible for the interest that begins to accrue (on the loan) as soon as the loan disburses.
- You will have to complete a PLUS application and carefully read and sign a new Master Promissory Note each new loan period on [www.studentloans.gov](#).
- The maximum loan amount for Grad PLUS loans each payment period is ***Cost of Attendance minus any other financial aid received.***

Private Loan Requirements

- MTSA requires [FAFSA](#) filing for private loans. MTSA has no preferred private lender list or arrangement.
- Research several private lender's loan terms to determine if and what loans are the best borrowing option.
- You can visit [here](#) for more information on private loans.
- Consider visiting [www.elmselect.com](#) for the review and selection process. In the "School Search" tab, type in Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, then review the page of lenders used most frequently by MTSA students. Contact the lender of your choice.
- You will sign a new promissory note each loan period, and your lender may require you complete a [Self-Certification form](#).
- MTSA will certify your enrollment and amount requested with the lender of your choice.
- The maximum loan amount per each payment period is ***Cost of Attendance minus any other financial aid received.***

Borrowed money begins accruing interest when it disburses. You must repay your loans, regardless of successfully completing your program or obtaining employment. *You may only use loan funds for educational related expenses at MTSA.*

Entrance Loan Counseling

First time borrowers of a federal loan, at MTSA, must complete [entrance loan counseling](#).

Can I cancel my loan?

Students have a right to cancel all or part of the loan disbursement(s) awarded. The loans may be cancelled, with the Financial Aid Office, any time before the loan disbursement dates. Once MTSA is in receipt of the loan funds, students have a right to cancel all or part of the loans within 14 days after the disbursement date for the loan period. In order to cancel any or all of your federal aid, students must confirm in writing the award(s) and amount(s) and send the request to finaid@mtsa.edu. Students are responsible for any unpaid balance on their student account. Borrowers will be advised of the status of their request for cancellation.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

[NSLDS](#) is the Department of Education's central database for information regarding your federal student aid. You can login to the website www.nsls.ed.gov using your FSA ID. Your loan information will be submitted to NSLDS as well as your enrollment status which will be accessible by lenders and institutions determined to be authorized users of the data system.

Exit Counseling

When a student borrower completes their program or exits the school, they will be notified to perform [Exit Loan Counseling](#). MTSA will report student's enrollment to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Any student reported below halftime (below 6 hours) will go into repayment.

Repaying your loans

You generally have 10-25 years to repay your loans, depending on the repayment program you choose. Your servicer will notify you when your first payment is due and you will be set up on a monthly payment plan. Your payments on your Unsubsidized and Grad PLUS loans are deferred until you drop below a half-time enrollment status, which is usually when you graduate, however your interest is accruing while you are in school. You have the option to pay interest on your unsubsidized and Grad PLUS loans while you are in school. To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, check out: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand>, or contact your loan servicer.

Repayment chart

Payments are calculated using fixed interest rates over 10 years. Lower balances may take less than 10 years to repay. Chart is for estimating purposes only. You can also find a repayment calculator at <http://mappingyourfuture.org/paying/standardcalculator.cfm>.

	4.45%			6.00%			7.00%		
Balance at Repayment	Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans for Undergraduate Students			Direct Unsubsidized Loans for Graduate and Professional Students			Direct PLUS Loans for Parents of Undergraduate Students and Direct PLUS Loans for Graduate/Professional Students		
	Payment	Months	Interest	Payment	Months	Interest	Payment	Months	Interest
\$1,000	\$50	21	\$41	\$50	21	\$56	\$50	21	\$66

\$10,000	\$100	120	\$2,408	\$108	120	\$3,322	\$113	120	\$3,933
\$20,000	\$200	120	\$4,815	\$215	120	\$6,645	\$225	120	\$7,866
\$26,830	\$269	120	\$6,460	\$289	120	\$8,914	\$302	120	\$10,552
\$30,000	\$300	120	\$7,223	\$323	120	\$9,967	\$338	120	\$11,799
\$40,000	\$400	120	\$9,631	\$430	120	\$13,290	\$450	120	\$15,732
\$50,000	\$501	120	\$12,039	\$538	120	\$16,612	\$563	120	\$19,665

<https://www.navient.com/loan-customers/interest-and-taxes/federal-student-loan-interest-rates/2017-2018-rates.aspx>

Are there tax incentives while paying back student loans?

Tax benefits are available for certain higher education expenses, including a deduction for student loan interest for certain borrowers. This benefit applies to all loans used to pay for post-secondary education costs, including PLUS Loans. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education, explains these credits and other tax benefits. You can get more information online at www.irs.gov or by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Rights and Responsibilities in Student Loan Borrowing

You have the right to know all terms and conditions of any loan you accept. When you accept loans, it is your responsibility to repay the entire amount due. You must read and understand all materials sent to you by the Financial Aid Office and other agencies awarding you aid. Stay in touch with your servicer and update them with your change in name, permanent address and phone number. Let them know if you have transferred schools and when you complete your educational program. Know there are deferment and forbearance options if you have trouble making payments. Let your servicer know if you are having trouble making payments as they are there to service you and help you through the repayment process.

Consequences of Defaulting on your Loans

A student loan is designated as in default if a borrower has failed to make payments for 270 days. Consequences of defaulting include losing future federal aid eligibility, adverse credit reports, having your state and federal taxes seized, professional licenses taken, wages garnished and litigation. There will be collection fees, late charges and attorney's fees added to loans that have defaulted, making them more expensive. [Tips to avoid defaulting.](#)

Ombudsman for Federal Student Loans

To dispute any issue regarding your federal student loan, the Federal Student Aid Ombudsman of the Department of Education is dedicated to assist. Borrowers are encouraged to make every effort to resolve their student loan problems on their own, however, when a solution cannot be reached, the Ombudsman has a process and resources to assist borrowers. Click for more information and to connect with the [Ombudsman](#).

Ombudsman for Private Student Loans

The [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's](#) private student loan ombudsman may be able to assist you if you have concerns about your private student loan.