

2011-12 FEDERAL DIRECT GRADUATE PLUS LOAN FACT SHEET

RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

DIRECT LOAN SERVICING CENTER

Call Toll Free 1-800-848-0979 (TTY 1-800-848-0983) or go to www.StudentLoans.gov to obtain loan account information, request a deferment or forbearance, change repayment plans, make online payments, set up automatic payments, and for other services.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

CREDIT HISTORY: A credit check will be performed by the U.S. Department of Education is part of your application process. You must not have an adverse credit history as the result of: 1) being 90 or more days delinquent on any debt or 2) within 5 years of the date of the credit report, being the subject of a default determination, bankruptcy discharge, foreclosure, repossession, tax lien, wage garnishment, or write-off of a Federal Student Aid debt such as a federal student loan.

ENDORSER OPTION: If an adverse credit history exists, an endorser (co-borrower) who does not have an adverse credit history will be required to co-sign your loan. An endorser is someone who agrees to repay the loan if you do not repay it. If you borrow with an endorser, you will be required to complete a new Master Promissory Note each year.

ENROLLMENT: You must maintain at least half-time enrollment in a graduate or professional program and meet all other eligibility requirements for Federal Student Aid. Enrollment for the School of Medicine: Full-time = 24 to 50 credits; Half-time = 12 to 23 credits.

CHANGES TO ENROLLMENT: If your enrollment status is changed for any reason, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine whether a financial aid adjustment will be required.

LOAN LIMITS

You may borrow up to your full Cost of Attendance, minus all other financial aid (including Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, College Work Study awards, grants and scholarships.) If additional financial aid is awarded after your loan amounts are calculated, your loan amounts will be reviewed and if necessary, will be decreased.

INTEREST RATE, FEE, & REBATE

The Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan interest rate is fixed at **7.9%**.

The U.S. Department of Education deducts a 2.5% loan fee at the time of disbursement. The actual fee is 4%, minus a 1.5% rebate which is given as a borrower incentive. After a borrower leaves school and enters repayment, s/he must make the first 12 monthly payments on time to retain the rebate.

IN SCHOOL and POST SCHOOL DEFERMENT

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan qualifies for deferment while you remain enrolled at least half-time and for an additional six-month post-enrollment period. The Direct Loan Servicing Center will notify you before your deferment ends.

REPAYMENT STRATEGIES

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan qualifies for forbearance during eligible periods of medical residency, and deferment during eligible periods of graduate fellowship. There are multiple repayment plans including Standard, Graduated, Extended, Income Based, Income Contingent and Income Sensitive. Interest begins to accrue at the time Graduate PLUS Loans are disbursed.

CONSOLIDATION

You may consolidate your Direct PLUS Loans with your other eligible student loans into a single consolidation loan after you leave school. If consolidating loans that have a grace period with loans that do not, consider waiting until all grace periods have ended.

NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN DATA SYSTEM: View your federal student loan borrowing history at www.nslds.ed.gov. Federal student loans include Federal Subsidized, Federal Unsubsidized, Federal Consolidation, Federal PLUS and Graduate PLUS, and Federal Perkins Loans.