

# Federal Student Aid at a Glance

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Federal Student Aid Program	Type of Aid	Program Details	Annual Award Limits
<b>Federal Pell Grant</b>	<b>Grant:</b> does not have to be repaid	Available almost exclusively to undergraduates; all eligible students will receive the Federal Pell Grant amount they qualify for.	\$650-\$5,920 for 2017-2018
<b>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)</b>	<b>Grant:</b> does not have to be repaid	For undergraduates with exceptional financial need; priority is given to Federal Pell Grant recipients; funds depend on availability at school.	\$100 to \$4,000
<b>Federal Work-Study (FWS)</b>	Money is earned while attending school; does not have to be repaid	For undergraduate and graduate students; jobs can be on campus or off campus; students are paid at least federal minimum wage. You must be at least half-time (6 hours per term) and have financial need.	No annual minimum or maximum award amounts
<b>Federal Perkins Loan</b>	Loan: must be repaid	Interest charged on this loan is 5 percent for undergraduate students; payment is owed to the school that made the loan. You must be at least half-time (6 hours per term) and have financial need.	\$5,500 maximum for undergraduate students; \$8,000 maximum for graduate and professional degree students; no minimum award amount
<b>Federal Direct Subsidized Loan</b>	Loan: must be repaid	<b>Subsidized:</b> U.S. Department of Education pays interest while borrower is in school and during grace and deferment periods; you must be at least half-time (6 hours per term) and have financial need.	\$3,500 to \$5,500, depending on grade level
<b>Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan</b>	Loan: must be repaid	<b>Unsubsidized:</b> Borrower is responsible for interest during life of the loan; you must be at least a half-time (6 hours per term); financial need is not a requirement.	\$2,000 to \$40,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for the same period), depending on grade level, and academic career (please see Federal Loan Programs at a Glance)
<b>Graduate Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan</b>	Loan: must be repaid	<b>Unsubsidized:</b> Borrower is responsible for interest during life of the loan; you must be at least a half-time (5 hours per term); financial need is not a requirement.	\$20,500 to \$40,500 depending on academic career (please see Federal Loan Programs at a Glance)
<b>Federal Direct PLUS Loan and Grad PLUS Loan</b>	Loan: must be repaid	Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students and graduate and professional students enrolled at least half-time (6 hours per term, 5 hours for Grad). Financial need is not a requirement.  PLUS Loans are unsubsidized: Borrower is responsible for interest during the life of the loan.	Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid the student receives; no minimum award amount

Additionally information on federal student aid can be found at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).  
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