

Direct Loans are low-interest loans for students to help pay for the cost of a student's education after high school. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education, rather than a bank or other financial institution.

With Direct Loans, you

- Borrow directly from the federal government and have a single contact—your Direct Loan Servicer—for everything related to the repayment of your loans.
- Have online access to your Direct Loan account information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at Direct Loans on the Web studentaid.gov.
- Can choose from several repayment plans that are designed to meet the needs of almost any borrower, and you can switch repayment plans if your needs change.

Federal Direct Master Promissory Note

Please go to www.studentaid.gov

Click on IN SCHOOL

Click on COMPLETE A LOAN AGREEMENT (Master Promissory Note)

Go down to “I’m An Undergraduate Student”

You will need to press the blue “log in to start” button and have your pin from the FAFSA available.

It will indicate that you are completing a promissory note for a Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan

Enter Personal Information

Choose Muhlenberg College in the School Information

Proceed to references. First reference must be a parent or guardian. Second reference must be a family member or friend that does not reside at your address.

Read and accept all terms and conditions

Sign electronically

You will be given the opportunity to print the promissory note if you wish

Student Loan Counseling

Because most students have never taken a loan before, the Federal Government requires students to complete an on-line, self-paced, interactive counseling program on their website. You will read some information about the loan, then there will be some interactive information you provide. The whole process takes about 30 minutes, so allow yourself enough time to complete the process because it must be completed in one sitting. Remember, this is to help you understand what a loan is and the terms and conditions. You can estimate information for the interactive parts of the counseling program.

Student Loan Disbursements

If you have completed your Master Promissory Note, Student Loan Counseling and any additional documents required in your Financial Aid Portal, we will process your loan during the summer (July/August) and most loans are disbursed on the first day of classes for the semester the loan is for.

Loan funds will be disbursed to the College via electronic funds transfer (EFT). Your entire loan will be divided between the Fall and Spring semesters. Remember, you will have a 1% fee deducted from your loan amount that is disbursed to your invoice.

Upon receipt of disbursement, the student will receive notification indicating the receipt of fund from the Business Offices. The student then has 14 days from the notification date to contact the Office of Financial Aid with any reduction or cancellation requests.