

How to Apply for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan

Step 1: Log in to your account at www.StudentAid.gov

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I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

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I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

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I want to help my child pay for college.

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I have loans I need to repay.

Step 2: Complete Entrance Counseling

Must be completed in one session; it does not save your progress.

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Entrance counseling for undergraduate students is required if you have not previously received a Direct Subsidized Loan or a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

You're an undergraduate student if you are enrolled in an undergraduate course of study that usually doesn't exceed four years and that leads to an undergraduate degree or certificate.

Start

Notify a School

Find the school you want to notify when you completed Entrance Counseling.

Select from associated schools | Search for a school

U.S. Schools/U.S. Territory Schools
 Non U.S. Schools

Choose a State: (PA) PENNSYLVANIA Search School By Name: BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY C

School Code G03240	BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 107 COLLEGE DRIVE OAK HILLS, BUTLER, PA 160021203	
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[Clear Result](#)



Jennifer, You've Successfully Completed Entrance Counseling!

The school(s) you selected will be notified of your entrance counseling completion within the next 24 hours.


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[View/Print Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities Statement for Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans](#) 

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Step 3: Complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN)

You can link to the MPN from your Entrance Counseling confirmation page (see immediately below), or the drop-down menu (bottom of this page)

 **What's Next After Entrance Counseling**

- Sign your [Master Promissory Note](#) and store a copy for future reference
- Complete your [Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment](#) for this award year
- Check out [Loan Simulator](#) for more information on repayment plans

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 **I'm an Undergraduate Student**

[MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans](#)

Use this MPN for Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans available to eligible undergraduate students. [Learn More](#)

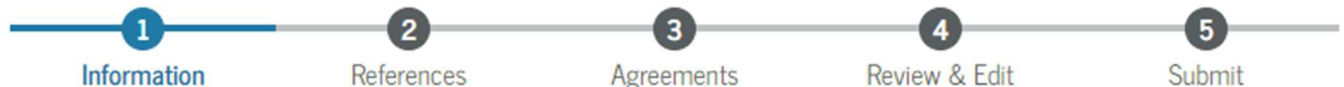
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Finish each section and submit.

Master Promissory Note

For Undergraduate Students Requesting Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans



Step 4: Loan Request Form

Watch your BC3 email account for a Loan Request Form. This form is the last step in the application process; you will complete it to either request a specific amount for the year or decline the loan.

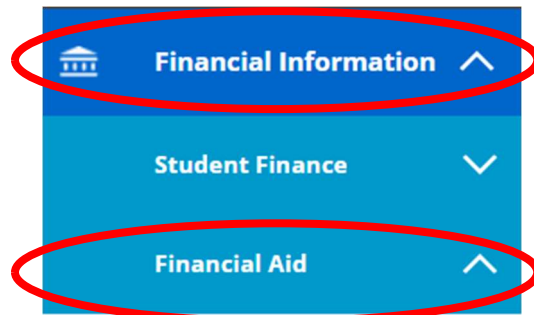
To receive the Loan Request Form, you must:

- 1) Have a completed FAFSA on file (found on myBC3 under Financial Aid)

Checklist	
✓ Completed	Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
⚠ Action Needed	Complete required documents
✓ Completed	Your application is being reviewed by the Financial Aid Office
⚠ Action Needed	Review your Financial Aid Award Package
✓ Completed	Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling
✓ Completed	Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note

The link to the Loan Request Form will also show under your Missing Documents

- 2) Be registered for at least 6 credits.
- 3) Have an eligible Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Status (found under myBC3 under Financial Aid)



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