



**Cornell University**  
**Graduate School**

Caldwell Hall  
Ithaca, NY 14853-2602

# **WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN APPLICATION, SUMMER**



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The Direct Loan Program makes federal loan funds available to students directly through the University. Direct loans are available in both subsidized and unsubsidized components: subsidized loans are ones for which no interest accrues to the borrower during enrollment; unsubsidized loans are ones for which the interest accrues to the borrower during enrollment. The Federal Direct Student Loan is not an additional loan source; it replaces the Federal Stafford and SLS Loan programs at Cornell.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Complete the Federal Direct Loan Application
2. Your financial aid file **MUST** be complete. Please contact the Graduate School Loans Office for confirmation.
3. The Graduate School Loans Office will determine your eligibility for subsidized and/or unsubsidized funds.
4. When you come into the Graduate School Loans Office to sign your promissory notes, you will need to provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of two references.
5. Once the completed promissory note is signed, Cornell will disburse the semester's funds to your bursar account.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND LOAN TERMS**

- Eligibility is based on demonstrated need, as determined by the Graduate School Loans Office review of the data on your Student Aid Report
- The interest rate varies annually, but will not exceed 8.25%. (The rate is based on the 91-day Treasury bill + 3.1%, capped at 8.25%)
- Three percent of the amount you borrow will be deducted for required federal fees (origination fees).
- Maximum annual loan amounts: \$8,500 Subsidized; \$18,500 Unsubsidized (less any subsidized loan awarded). We will notify you of your eligibility.
- Aggregate borrowing limits: subsidized Direct Loans \$65,500 graduate/professional students; unsubsidized Direct Loans \$73,000 graduate/professional students.

## **REPAYMENT**

The Federal Direct Loan is repaid to the U.S. Department of Education via a loan servicer under contract to the Department.

## **FOUR REPAYMENT OPTIONS**

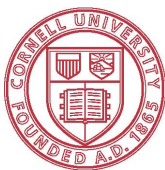
1. Standard: A fixed annual payment over a fixed period of time (\$600 annual minimum payment; ten-year maximum term)
2. Extended: A fixed annual payment over an extended period of time (\$600 annual minimum, or the amount of interest due each year, whichever is greater)
3. Graduated: Annual repayment amounts at two or more levels, paid over a fixed or extended period of time
4. Income contingent: Varying annual repayment amounts based on the borrower's adjusted gross income over an extended period of time

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- You may change the choice of repayment plans under conditions established by the U.S. Department of Education;
- Repayment may be accelerated without penalty;
- Based on exceptional circumstances, the U.S. Department of Education may establish an alternative payment schedule for the borrower

## **CONSOLIDATION OF PREVIOUS STAFFORD AND/OR SLS LOANS**

If you have already borrowed through the Federal Stafford and SLS Loan Programs, the federal government is prepared to consolidate your old loans with your Direct Loan. The terms and conditions of the consolidation will be favorable.



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*Read the back of this form carefully before completing.*

*Your promissory note will be held for your signature in the Graduate School Loans Office, 190 Caldwell Hall. Promissory notes will be mailed only in very unusual circumstances with prior arrangement.*

*All information on this form, excluding signatures, should be printed or typed.*

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Male                      Female

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last name    First name    Middle initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (street; city, state zip; must be valid for two months)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent phone    Local phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Cornell ID number    E-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Field of study    Degree program

**DEGREE RELATED INFORMATION**

Date of first registration in Graduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you expect to complete your degree program: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note the types of loans for which you would like to apply to the extent that you are eligible.*

*If your resources should change from the information reported, you must inform the Graduate School Loans Office. This includes any employment or fellowships not reported by your field.*

**LOAN ASSISTANCE REQUESTED**

Subsidized Federal Direct Loan

Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount requested (summer maximum \$4,500 plus origination fee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount requested (if ineligible for subsidized)

Anticipated tuition costs for SUMMER:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition award already granted:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read this form in its entirety, and that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature    Date