

DIRECT LOAN INFORMATION

If you have not previously received a Direct Loan, you must complete entrance counseling, sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN), and complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement before you can receive the proceeds of your first loan disbursement.

To complete your Entrance Counseling, Master Promissory Note, and Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement go to www.studentaid.gov and log in using your FSA ID. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one by clicking "Create Account."

Hover over the "[COMPLETE AID PROCESS](#)" tab at the top of the homepage.

1. Click "[Complete Entrance Counseling](#)"
2. Select INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE-OTT as the school to notify of your counseling completion.
3. Once you've successfully completed Entrance Counseling, click sign your [Master Promissory Note](#) and store a copy for future reference.
4. Choose the Direct Loan MPN you want to complete and click "Start."
5. Fill in all Personal Information and School Information as requested.
Select INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE-OTT as the school to notify.
6. Complete each step of the MPN and Sign and Submit once you have finished.
7. Finally, select the "[Complete Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment](#)" option.

What is Entrance Counseling?

If you have not previously received a Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL), the federal government requires you to complete entrance counseling to ensure that you understand the responsibilities and obligations you are assuming. You must complete entrance counseling before you can receive the proceeds of your first Direct Loan.

Who Should Complete Entrance Counseling?

Federal law requires entrance counseling for students who have not previously received a subsidized or unsubsidized loan or PLUS loan (graduate/professional students only) under the Direct Loan Program or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

What is a Master Promissory Note?

The Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a legal document in which you promise to repay your loan(s) and any accrued interest and fees to the U.S. Department of Education. It also explains the terms and conditions of your loan(s).

Who Should Complete This?

Eligible undergraduate students requesting Direct Subsidized Loans or Direct Unsubsidized Loans.

Why Do I Have to Complete and Sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN)?

If you are taking out a Direct Loan, you must sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) under any of the following circumstances:

- You have never previously signed an MPN for the type of loan you are taking out.
- You signed an MPN more than one year ago, but no loan was disbursed.
- You signed an MPN more than 10 years ago.

Complete Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment

Complete an Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment each year you accept a new federal student loan. Our goal is to help you understand how your loans affect your financial future.

What Am I Acknowledging?

If this is your first time accepting a federal student loan, you are acknowledging that you understand your responsibility to repay your loan. If you have existing federal student loans, you are acknowledging that you understand how much you owe and how much more you can borrow.

What is Exit Counseling?

Exit counseling provides important information that you will need as you prepare to repay your federal student loan(s). During exit counseling, you will review the terms and conditions that apply to your federal student loans. You must complete exit counseling when you leave school or drop below half-time enrollment. The purpose of exit counseling is to ensure you understand your student loan obligations and are prepared for repayment. To complete exit counseling go to www.studentaid.gov

To Accept or Decline Your Loans Online

Log into your WebAdvisor Account. Once logged in, select "Students" then "Financial Aid Checklist." Select the appropriate award year, and "Review and accept your Financial Aid Award Package" if the preceding checklist items have been completed. **In addition, please be advised that you have the right to cancel or reduce your loan(s) by contacting the OneStop.**

Time Limitation On Direct Subsidized Loan Eligibility for First-Time Borrowers On or After July 1, 2013

If you are a first-time borrowers on or after July 1, 2013, there is a limit on the maximum period of time (measured in academic years) that you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans. In general, you may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the published length of your program. This is called your "maximum eligibility period".

After you have received Direct Subsidized Loans for your maximum eligibility period, you are no longer eligible to receive additional Direct Subsidized Loans. However, you may continue to receive Direct Unsubsidized Loans. In addition, if you continue to be enrolled in any undergraduate program after you have received Direct Subsidized Loans for your maximum eligibility period or enroll in an undergraduate program that is the same length or shorter than your prior program, you will become responsible for the interest that accrues on your Direct Subsidized Loans on and after the date of your enrollment.

Your federal loan servicer will notify you if you become responsible for paying the interest on your Direct Subsidized Loans.

Annual and Aggregate Limits for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

Year	Dependent Students (except students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)	Independent Students (and dependent undergraduate students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)
First-Year Undergraduate Annual Loan Limit	\$5,500 - No more than \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$9,500 - No more than \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
Second-Year Undergraduate Annual Loan Limit	\$6,500 - No more than \$4,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$10,500 - No more than \$4,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.

You must have successfully completed at least 24 credit hours in an eligible program to be considered a 2nd year student.



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800.726.2585, ext. 5262
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Indian Hills Community College
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