

Student-at-Large Federal Stafford Loan Eligibility Form

Section I: Student-at-Large Federal Stafford Loan Eligibility Guidelines

The Department of Education requires students to be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or state teacher certification program in order to receive Federal Stafford Loan funds. If you do not meet one of the stipulations as listed below, you are ineligible for Federal Stafford Loans and may qualify for an alternative educational loan. For more alternative loan information, go to <http://www.fa.niu.edu/loans.shtml>. Students meeting one of the criteria as defined below may receive Federal Stafford Loans for only ONE continuous 12-month period.

1. You are seeking admission into a graduate program.

This exception applies if you meet all of the following:

- are admissible into the Graduate School
 - have a Graduate School application, the required entrance examination, proof of a baccalaureate degree *on file* at the Graduate School and paid the application fee.
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2. You are enrolled in a state required teacher certification program.

- This exception applies if you are taking classes required by the state for initial elementary or secondary teacher certification, or recertification required to maintain your current teaching position.

In order to qualify for a Federal Stafford Loan under this category, the **Associate Dean of the Graduate School** must verify that you are meeting one of the exceptions listed above. Within two weeks after the completion and receipt of this form, the Student Financial Aid Office will notify you of your loan application status via your NIU email account.

- Note:**
- You must enroll in 6 credit hours per semester (3 during summer).
 - Optional courses that you elect to enroll in for professional recognition or advancement, or courses recommended by your department and/or are not required by the state for teacher certification, do not qualify you to receive a Federal Stafford Loan (see exceptions in #2 above).

I affirm that I have read and understand the above information.

Required Student Signature

_____-_____-_____
Social Security Number

Date

Section II: Student-at-Large Loan Eligibility Verification

Student Name _____ SSN _____ - _____ - _____
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Student's intended degree program: _____

Student's anticipated program admission date: ____/____/____

Semester & year you are applying for financial aid (circle one) Fall Spring Summer 200__

Please submit this application to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School to complete the section below:

- Is the student admissible into the Graduate School Yes No
- Has the student submitted a graduate application for admission Yes No
 - submitted the required entrance examination test score Yes No
 - submitted proof of a baccalaureate degree Yes No
 - paid the application fee Yes No

OR

- Is the student pursuing a state required initial teacher certification or recertification program to maintain their current position Yes No
 - Intended Certification: _____
 - Anticipated completion date: _____

Does the student meet the eligibility criteria as described above? Yes No

Signature _____
Associate Dean of the Graduate School

Telephone Number _____

Date ____/____/____