

## 2020-2021 Financing Options

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- ❑ **Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan** **Undergraduates Only**
  - In the student's name
  - Goes into repayment 6 months after the student graduates, leaves school or drops below half-time enrollment – whichever occurs first
  - No interest accrues on the loan while the student is enrolled at least half-time, however, the interest does begin to accrue 6 months after the student graduates, leaves school, or drops below half-time enrollment
  - Currently requires a 1.059% origination fee
  - The interest rate is fixed at **2.75%** and the student has 10-25 years to repay the loan
  - Subsidized Stafford Loan funds are limited to 150% of published length of academic program
  
- ❑ **Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - In the student's name
  - Goes into repayment 6 months after the student graduates, leaves school, or drops below half-time enrollment – whichever occurs first
  - The interest begins to accrue on the loan from the day the loan funds are disbursed
  - Currently requires a 1.059% origination fee
  - The Undergraduate fixed interest rate is **2.75%** and the Graduate fixed interest rate is **4.30%**
  - The student has 10-25 years to repay the loan
  
- ❑ **Direct Parent/Graduate PLUS Loan**
  - In the Parent's or Graduate Student's name
  - Deferred and Standard Repayment options available
  - The interest rate is fixed at **5.30%**, with a 10 to 25year repayment option
  - Currently requires a **4.236%** origination fee
  - **If the Parent Plus loan is denied due to credit reasons, the undergraduate student automatically becomes eligible for an additional unsubsidized Stafford loan up to \$4,000**
  - Parents may visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/parent> for more information on repayment options and estimated repayment amounts
  
- ❑ **Alternative (Private) Loan**
  - In the student's name, **but the student may require a credit-worthy co-signer**
  - Usually not repayable until 6 months after the student graduates, leaves school, or drops below half-time enrollment – whichever occurs first (varies by lender)
  - Interest rate is market and the interest accrues on the loan from the day the loan funds are disbursed
  - Students may visit [www.elmselect.com](http://www.elmselect.com) to view a list of lenders or seek private loans on your own
  
- ❑ **Payment Plan: Cashnet**
  - Convenient option to spread educational expenses throughout the year and eliminate larger annual/semester payments
  - 9 or 10 month interest-free payment plan for academic year or 4 or 5 month plan per term
  - There is a **\$35 enrollment fee per semester or \$60 for Fall and Winter**
  - Using a debit or credit card will result in a 2.75% convenience fee
  - Education Payment Counselors are available weekdays 8am-9pm EST at 888-381-8054
  - To learn more about Cashnet Payment Solutions visit <https://commerce.cashnet.com>

**Please see our Financial Aid E-Guide for further instructions on these options**