



PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN APPLICANT SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM INFORMATION

Beginning February 14, 2010, schools are required to provide the “Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification” form, and the information needed to complete the form, to an enrolled or admitted applicant (or to the parent applicant of an enrolled or admitted student) upon the applicant's request. Thomas Aquinas College posts a copy of the “Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification” form on its website for applicants to download. See pages 3 and 4 of this document for the form.

Alternatively, the applicant may obtain a copy of the “Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification” form from the private educational loan lender and submit it to the College for completion or confirmation. The College may also, at its option, provide the information needed to complete the form directly to the private educational lender.

Private education loans include all alternative loans. Individual lenders are implementing their own procedures to comply with this new regulation, so you should contact your lender directly if you have specific questions about the process for submitting this form.

Ultimately, it is your responsibility to make sure the self-certification form is submitted to your lender. If you do not submit a completed and signed self-certification form to your lender, your loan will not be disbursed.

What loans are subject to this requirement?

Loan Type	Self-Certification Form Required?	Process for Submission
Stafford Student Loan (Subsidized or Unsubsidized)	No	N/A
Parent Plus Loan	No	N/A
Alternative Loan	Yes	Contact your lender.

What information is required on the self-certification form?

To complete the self-certification form, you will need to provide your demographic information as well as information about your total **cost of attendance** and **estimated financial assistance**. If the financial aid office has not already entered your cost of attendance and estimated financial assistance on the self-certification form, contact the financial aid office at (805) 421-5935 or by e-mail at finaid@ThomasAquinas.edu to receive the correct figures.

Note: When reporting your estimated financial assistance on the self-certification form, **do not** include the amount of the loan for which you are completing the form.

Federal, State and Other Eligibility for Aid

If you have not yet completed the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) you should do so immediately to determine your eligibility for federal, state and other aid. Thomas Aquinas College may request additional information upon review of your FAFSA.

Private Education Loans should be considered only as a last resort after applying for Federal Loans.

Federal loans have fixed interest rates, cancellation provisions, unemployment and economic deferment provisions, as well as consolidation options that are not available to the private loan borrower.

Students who meet all the federal requirements to receive federal aid may be eligible for Stafford loans in the amounts listed below:

Maximum Annual Stafford Loan Limits		
	Total Subsidized and Unsubsidized Limits For Dependent Student	Total Subsidized and Unsubsidized Limits For Independent Student
1st year	\$5,500 total, with up to \$3,500 subsidized	\$5,500 total, with up to \$3,500 subsidized
2nd year	\$6,500 total, with up to \$4,500 subsidized	\$6,500 total, with up to \$4,500 subsidized
3rd year	\$7,500 total, with up to \$5,500 subsidized	\$7,500 total, with up to \$5,500 subsidized
4th year	\$7,500 total, with up to \$5,500 subsidized	\$7,500 total, with up to \$5,500 subsidized

Maximum Aggregate (Lifetime) Stafford Loan Limits		
	Undergraduate Dependent Student	Undergraduate Independent Student
Aggregate (Lifetime) Stafford Loan Limit	\$31,000 (maximum \$23,000 subsidized loan)	\$57,500 (maximum \$23,000 subsidized loan)

To obtain any additional information about a private education loan or to apply for a private education loan, you will need to contact the lenders directly. We will process a loan with any private/alternative lender you wish.



Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification

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Important: Pursuant to Section 155 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA) and to satisfy the requirements of Section 128(e)(3) of the Truth in Lending Act, a lender must obtain a self-certification signed by the applicant before disbursing a private education loan. The school is required on request to provide this form or the required information only for students admitted or enrolled at the school. Throughout this Applicant Self-Certification, "you" and "your" refer to the applicant who is applying for the loan. The applicant and the student may be the same person.

Instructions: Before signing, carefully read the entire form, including the definitions and other information on the following page. Submit the signed form to your lender.

SECTION 1: NOTICES TO APPLICANT

- Free or lower-cost Title IV federal, state, or school student financial aid may be available in place of, or in addition to, a private education loan. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.
- A private education loan may reduce eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school student financial aid.
- You are strongly encouraged to pursue the availability of free or lower-cost financial aid with the school's financial aid office.
- The financial information required to complete this form can be obtained from the school's financial aid office. If the lender has provided this information, you should contact your school's financial aid office to verify this information and to discuss your financing options.

SECTION 2: COST OF ATTENDANCE AND ESTIMATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If information is not already entered below, obtain the needed information from the school's financial aid office and enter it on the appropriate line. Sign and date where indicated.

- A. Student's cost of attendance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan \$ _____
- B. Estimated financial assistance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan \$ _____
- C. Difference between amounts A and B \$ _____

WARNING: If you borrow more than the amount on line C, you risk reducing your eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school financial aid.

SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enter or correct the information below.

Full Name and Address of School _____

Applicant Name (last, first, MI) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____

Permanent Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Area Code / Telephone Number Home () _____ Other () _____

E-mail Address _____

Period of Enrollment Covered by the Loan (mm/dd/yyyy) From ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____

If the student is not the applicant, provide the student's name and date of birth.

Student Name (last, first, MI) _____ Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____

SECTION 4: APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I certify that I have read and understood the notices in Section 1 and, that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS

Cost of attendance is an estimate of tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, and other costs for the period of enrollment covered by the loan, as determined by the school. A student's cost of attendance may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

Estimated financial assistance is all federal, state, institutional (school), private, and other sources of assistance used in determining eligibility for most Title IV student financial aid, including amounts of financial assistance used to replace the expected family contribution. The student's estimated financial assistance is determined by the school and may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

A **lender** is a private education lender as defined in Section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act and any other person engaged in the business of securing, making, or extending private education loans on behalf of the lender.

A **period of enrollment** is the academic year, academic term (such as semester, trimester, or quarter), or the number of weeks of instructional time for which the applicant is requesting the loan.

A **private education loan** is a loan provided by a private education lender that is not a Title IV loan and that is issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses, regardless of whether the loan is provided through the school that the student attends or directly to the borrower from the private education lender. A private education loan does not include **(1)** An extension of credit under an open-end consumer credit plan, a reverse mortgage transaction, a residential mortgage transaction, or any other loan that is secured by real property or a dwelling; or **(2)** An extension of credit in which the school is the lender if the term of the extension of credit is 90 days or less or an interest rate will not be applied to the credit balance and the term of the extension of credit is one year or less, even if the credit is payable in more than four installments.

Title IV student financial aid includes the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program, the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant) Program, and the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans, and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available at www.fafsa.gov, by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.

SECTION 6: PAPERWORK REDUCTION NOTICE

Paperwork Reduction Notice: According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0101. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 0.25 hours (15 minutes) per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed and complete and review the information collection.

If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, contact your lender.