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William D. Ford Direct Loan Program

Federal Direct Loan Limits

The federal government sets limits on the amount of money a student can borrow. The annual limit shows the maximum amount a student can borrow in one academic year, while the aggregate limit applies to the maximum a student can borrow in a lifetime. There is an overall annual loan limit for Stafford Loans, a limited subset of which may be comprised of subsidized loans. The student's maximum annual loan limit increases as the student progresses to higher grade levels. The loan limit may have to be prorated if the student is attending a program (or remaining portion of a program) that is less than an academic year.

Below is a chart of annual and aggregate loan limits for Federal Direct Loans:

<u>FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN ANNUAL LIMITS</u>		
	Subsidized	Total Subsidized & Unsubsidized
DEPENDENT		
Freshman	\$3,500	\$5,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$6,500
INDEPENDENT		
Freshman	\$3,500	\$9,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$10,500
FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN LIFE TIME LIMITS		
Undergraduate Dependent	\$23,000	\$31,000
Undergraduate Independent	\$23,000	\$57,500
Graduate	\$65,500	\$138,500

*Note: All undergraduate annual loan amounts are subject to proration.