

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.

FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN ANNUAL LIMITS Subsidized Unsubsidized Total Subsidized & Unsubsidized DEPENDENT Freshman \$3,500 \$2,000 \$5,500 Sophomore \$4.500 \$2.000 \$6,500 INDEPENDENT Freshman \$3,500 \$6,000 \$9,500 Sophomore \$4,500 \$6,000 \$10,500 FEDERAL LOAN LIFE TIME LIMITS Undergraduate Dependent \$23,000 \$8,000 \$31,000 \$23,000 Undergraduate Independent \$34,500 \$57,500 Graduate \$65,500 \$73,000 \$138,500

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

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