

BRTC Loan Policy

Students who wish to borrow funds from the Federal Stafford Loan Program should be aware of the following federal regulations:

ANNUAL STAFFORD LOAN LIMITS

	Dependent Students <u>Subsidized & Unsubsidized</u>		Independent Students <u>Subsidized & Unsubsidized</u>	
Freshman	\$3,500	\$2000	\$3,500	\$6,000
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2000	\$4,500	\$6,000

Borrowers will automatically be certified for their maximum subsidized loan eligibility, unless a lesser amount is requested on the BRTC Data Form. (Students eligible for only an unsubsidized loan will be processed for either \$3500 or \$4500 depending on the grade level.)

NEW LOAN CHECKS ARE RECEIVED BY THE BUSINESS OFFICE ON WEDNESDAYS.

1. All borrowers must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before loan eligibility can be determined.
2. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours to be eligible for a student loan. A student will be certified for a loan ONLY for the hours enrolled that are within the his/her degree plan.
3. Students may qualify for a *subsidized* loan (interest-free during enrollment) and if not, a student will qualify for an *unsubsidized* loan. **Note: Those receiving Pell should qualify for a subsidized loan.**
4. The *Master Promissory Note* is a separate document that should be completed after submitting your loan application to the FA Office. You will receive either an email or letter by mail instructing you to complete the Promissory Note via electronic signature at the following web address
https://opennet.salliemae.com/aploansummary/?school_id=02052200.
5. Every loan must be delivered in two equal disbursements. The second disbursement must be delivered after the midpoint of the loan period.
6. First-time borrowers who are first-time entering students must wait thirty (30) days after the semester begins to receive the first disbursement.
7. First-time borrowers must complete a loan counseling session prior to receiving the first disbursement at this website: www.mappingyourfuture.org/oslc.
8. All borrowers must complete an additional loan counseling session prior to graduation, if he/she ceases to be enrolled at least half-time, or upon termination of enrollment at www.mappingyourfuture.org/oslc.
9. Every loan check must be endorsed by the student and applied to the student's account. Any monies remaining will be refunded to the student.
10. All borrowers should understand that class attendance through the 60% point of the semester is **mandatory** under the Federal Title IV Funds regulation. If a borrower quits attending or withdraws before that point, he/she may owe a refund to BRTC and/or the U.S Dept. of Education for funds received that were not earned.

***** Paragould/BRTC students may have loan checks sent to Paragould campus upon individual request made to the Paragould Office.*****

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