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Federal Family Education Loan Program Loan Comparison Chart

Type of Loan →		Federal Stafford Subsidized	Federal Stafford Unsubsidized		Federal PLUS	Federal Grad PLUS																									
Features ↓																															
Borrower		Dependent or Independent Student	Dependent Student		Independent Student	Parent or Legal Guardian	Graduate and Professional Student																								
Loan Amount Based on		Cost of attendance - Estimated financial aid - <u>Expected family contribution</u> = Subsidized loan amount	Cost of attendance - Estimated financial aid - <u>Subsidized loan amount</u> = Unsubsidized loan amount		Cost of attendance - Estimated financial aid - <u>Subsidized loan amount</u> = Additional unsubsidized loan amount	Cost of attendance - Estimated financial aid - <u>Subsidized/unsubsidized</u> = PLUS loan amount	Cost of attendance - Estimated financial aid - <u>Subsidized/unsubsidized</u> = Grad PLUS loan amount																								
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Borrowing Minimums		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100																									
Cumulative Maximums		Dependent Undergraduate \$23,000 Undergraduate/Graduate combined \$65,500	Dependent Undergraduate \$31,000 Undergraduate/Graduate combined \$65,500	Independent Undergraduate \$57,500 Undergraduate/Graduate combined \$138,500	Unlimited	Unlimited																									
Interest Rate	Loans disbursed prior to July 1, 2006.	Variable Maximum 8.25%	Variable Maximum 8.25%	Variable Maximum 8.25%	Variable Maximum 9%	N/A																									
	Loans disbursed July 1, 2008.	6.0% (fixed rate)	6.8% (fixed rate)	6.8% (fixed rate)	8.5% (fixed rate)	8.5% (fixed rate)																									

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Who Pays Interest?	Government pays all interest during in-school, grace, and authorized deferment periods.	Borrower pays all interest, however the interest may be capitalized and temporarily postponed during in-school and grace periods.	Borrower pays all interest, however the interest may be capitalized and temporarily postponed during in-school and grace periods.	Borrower pays all interest, however the interest may be capitalized and temporarily postponed during in-school and grace periods. Effective for loans first disbursed on or after 7/01/2008.	Borrower pays all interest, however the interest may be capitalized and temporarily postponed during in-school periods.
Credit Review	No default on previous student loans.	No default on previous student loans.	No default on previous student loans.	No default on previous student loans, no adverse credit history (except extenuating mortgage delinquency circumstances); endorser at lender discretion.	No default on previous student loans, no adverse credit history; endorser at lender discretion.
Origination Fee	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Federal Default Fee	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Number of Disbursements Required?	One* to Four *Based on school's eligibility.	One* to Four *Based on school's eligibility.	One* to Four *Based on school's eligibility.	One* to Four *Based on school's eligibility.	One* to Four *Based on school's eligibility.
Copayable Checks Required?	May be copayable.	May be copayable.	May be copayable.	MUST be copayable.	MUST be copayable.
Grace Period	Six (6) months.	Six (6) months.	Six (6) months.	Six (6) months. Effective for loans first disbursed on or after 7/01/2008.	None
Minimum Repayment Amount	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Repayment Length	Ten years, standard/graduated/income-sensitive. 25 years, extended (based on eligibility).	Ten years, standard/graduated/income-sensitive. 25 years, extended (based on eligibility).	Ten years, standard/graduated/income-sensitive. 25 years, extended (based on eligibility).	Ten years, standard/graduated/income-sensitive. 25 years, extended (based on eligibility).	Ten years, standard/graduated/income-sensitive. 25 years, extended (based on eligibility).
Repayment Begins	Six (6) months after graduation, withdrawal, or enrollment status is less than half-time.	Six (6) months after graduation, withdrawal, or enrollment status is less than half-time.	Six (6) months after graduation, withdrawal, or enrollment status is less than half-time.	Six (6) months after graduation, withdrawal, or enrollment status is less than half-time. Effective for loans first disbursed on or after 7/01/2008.	Within 60 days after final disbursement.
Deferments/Forbearances Allowed?	Yes; contact lender.	Yes, principal only; contact lender.	Yes, principal only; contact lender.	Yes, principal only, based on parental eligibility; contact lender.	Yes, principal only, based on borrower eligibility; contact lender.
Forgiveness for Death or Total Permanent Disability?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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