

Fees

There are two fees associated with borrowing a student loan. They are the origination fee and default fee. The origination fee is 0.5%, however, it may be waived by your lender. The default fee is 1%, which also might be waived. Your loan proceeds will be reduced by the amount of the fees, however, you will be responsible for repayment of the entire amount borrowed.

Counseling

You will need to complete entrance and exit counseling the first time you apply for a loan from VVC. All borrowers are also required to complete the online workshop each academic year before their loan will be certified.

Choosing a Lender

We have listed lenders that we have worked with, who have demonstrated a commitment to serving borrowers. Our lender list is compiled based on the benefits a family can receive and a strong history of customer service to borrowers, as well as student/parent feedback. In particular, the VVC Financial Aid Office is concerned with offering borrowers additional benefits to allow the borrower to receive more money back in their pocket (i.e. less fees) and to allow the borrower to pay off the balance faster, thus saving total interest costs. Refer to the lender list below to select a lender that offers benefits to suit your particular needs. While our lender list was compiled in your best interest, it is important to understand that you may select any lender that participates in FFELP Stafford loans. To do so, when prompted online to select a lender, choose "Other" and follow the instructions, or contact our office for assistance.

Fifth Third Bank

Lender Code 808780

1-800-222-7192

<http://web.53educationlending.com/home.asp>

0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for making payments using automatic debit.

Origination Fee: 1.0%

Regions Bank

Lender Code 810612

<http://www.regions.com/>

1-800-858-7822

0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for making payments using automatic debit

Student Funding Group

Lender Code 834312

<http://www.stufund.com>

1-877-788-4773

0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for making payments using automatic debit

1% Origination Fee

U.S. Bank

Lender Code 815678

<http://www.usbank.com/>

1-800-242-1200

Origination Fee: Up to 1% (may be paid by guarantors)
percentage point interest rate reductions for making payments using automatic debit.

Key Bank

Lender Code 813760

<http://www.keybank.com>

1-800-539-5363

0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for making payments using automatic debit

National Education

Lender Code 834378

<http://www.nationaled.net>

0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for making payments using automatic debit

1% Origination Fee

Ed America

Lender Code 831453

10800-337-1009

<http://www.edamerica.net>

0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for making payments using automatic debit

Nelnet

Lender Code: 833669

1-888-486-4722

www.nelnet.net

For on-time payments, Nelnet will waive the last 5 payments on your loan. Nelnet will waive an additional 2 payments if borrower signs up for auto debit (for a total of 7 payments)





STAFFORD LOAN INFORMATION



Dear Student,

You will need to follow the instructions on this page, in order to receive a Federal Stafford Student Loan. Taking out a loan is a big responsibility, and should not be taken lightly. A student loan, like any other loan, is a debt that must be repaid, with interest. You will owe this money back even if you withdraw from Victor Valley College without completing your degree or are unable to find work. On a positive note, taking out a student loan can also help you establish or re-establish a good credit history, and can assist you in bridging the gap and meeting your educational expenses.

The amount you may borrow is determined on two factors:

1.) the total number of units you have completed, and
- 2.) your 'unmet need' on your financial aid award.

You will need to determine these two factors before applying for a loan, as our office will only certify your loan up to the amount you are eligible for, even if you requested a higher amount. Because we want you to exhaust all gift aid, such as grants and scholarships, before taking out a student loan, you should not apply for a loan until you have been awarded, and viewed your award letter on Webadvisor.

Be aware that you can apply anytime for your loan during the fall and spring semester, until our advertised spring cut-off date for the 2009-2010 Academic Year. If you do not need the funds now, you can wait to apply at a later date.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email us at financialaid@vvc.edu or stop by our office during business hours. Should you decide to take out a student loan, please follow the instructions at the right of this page. You might want to keep this letter and the "Loan Process Steps" for your records.

Best of luck in reaching your personal and educational goals,

Christopher O'Hearn, Ph.D.
Interim Director, Financial Aid

Loan Process steps at Victor Valley College

1. Go to the financial aid website at www.vvc.edu and click on "Financial Aid" and then "2009-2010 Student Loans."
2. Follow the steps on line to create a borrower account for yourself, complete the entrance/exit counseling, and complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN.) Important Note: You will complete the Entrance Counseling requirement when you complete your MPN, however you will still be required to complete Exit Counseling separately before your loan will be certified. Please go back to the website listed under Step 1 and click "Complete Exit Counseling" (for a new borrower at VVC). Both entrance and exit counseling requires test results of 100%. You will also need to complete one online workshop per academic year (see Counseling on reverse side.) Continuing VVC borrowers only: If you had a loan at VVC last year, you will not need to create a new account. Instead, you will log back in using your prior year user name and password. As long as you stay with the same lender, you will not need to complete a new MPN, as your prior year MPN will carry forward.
3. The Financial Aid Office at VVC will certify your loan. (Please note that we will only certify up to the amount you are eligible for, even if you requested a higher amount.)
4. Your loan will be scheduled for disbursement. You will receive a disclosure notice in the mail indicating when your funds will be disbursed. To find the date your check will be mailed, check the VVC Financial Aid website disbursement page. If you have any questions, contact USA Funds directly at 1-888-272-5543, or log back in to the Open Net web site any time to track the status of your loan.
5. You will receive your loan funds via U.S. mail. (Note: you must be enrolled in at least 6 units at the time your disbursement is scheduled, in order to receive your loan check.)

Important Points:

Interest Rate

- Your loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.6%

Types of Loans

- Victor Valley College participates in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP.) You may apply for Federal Stafford or PLUS loans. Stafford Loans are Subsidized (need based, interest paid by the Federal government) and unsubsidized (non-need based, interest accrues after disbursement.) PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) are for dependent students whose parents apply on behalf of the student.

Maximum Loan Amounts

- The Subsidized maximum amounts are:
First Year Student: \$3,500 (0-29 units completed)
Second Year Student: \$4,500 (30 + units completed)
(You must have at least enough unmet need on your award letter to cover the amount of your loan request.)
- If you need additional funds, and are an independent student, or if you do not have enough unmet need to receive the full subsidized amount, you may receive an unsubsidized loan.
First and Second Year Students: \$6,000* (*Note: Dependent students may only apply for an additional unsubsidized loan if their Parent first applies for, and is denied due to credit history, for a PLUS loan.)

You may combine the two amounts, for a total of:

First Year student: \$3,500 + \$6,000=\$9,500

Second Year student: \$4,500 + \$6,000=\$10,500 (if completed 30 units or more)