

**POST-BACCALAUREATE FEDERAL STAFFORD
LOAN AND PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS (PLUS) ELIGIBILITY FORM**

SECTION I: ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

The Department of Education requires students to be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or state teacher certification program in order to receive Federal Stafford and Parent PLUS Loan funds. If you do not meet one of the stipulations as listed below, you are ineligible for Federal Stafford and Parent PLUS Loans and may qualify for an alternative educational loan. For more alternative loan information, go to the following link - <http://www.niu.edu/fa/types/private.shtml> . Students meeting one of the criteria as defined below may receive Federal Stafford and Parent PLUS loans. **Note:** Only dependent students are eligible for the Parent PLUS.

Second Undergraduate Degree Seeking refers to students who plan to pursue a second undergraduate degree in a major area of study that is different from their initial undergraduate program. You must be admitted to the university as a post-baccalaureate student and officially admitted into your major area of study. You cannot be enrolled in courses for the sole purpose of completing a minor or for personal enrichment/professional recognition or advancement. **Stafford Loan Limits:** Subsidized - \$5500 & Unsubsidized - \$2000 (Independent students are eligible for an additional \$5000 Unsubsidized).

Undergraduate Limited Admissions Program refers to students who plan to enroll in prerequisite undergraduate coursework required to be accepted into a limited admissions undergraduate major program area of study. You must be admitted to the university as a post-baccalaureate student. Students under this distinction could be eligible to receive a Federal Stafford Loan for only one continuous 12 month period at the first-year undergraduate loan level. **Stafford loan limits:** Subsidized - \$3500 & Unsubsidized - \$2000 (Independent students are eligible for an additional \$4000 Unsubsidized).

Graduate and Professional School Prerequisite Coursework refers to students who plan to enroll in prerequisite undergraduate coursework to be admitted into a graduate program or professional school (medical, dental, etc). Students under this distinction could be eligible to receive a Federal Stafford Loan for only one continuous 12 month period at the fifth-year undergraduate loan level. **Stafford Loan limits:** Subsidized - \$5500 & Unsubsidized - \$2000 (Independent students are eligible for an additional \$5000 Unsubsidized).

State Required Teacher Certification Program refers to students who plan to take undergraduate coursework required by the state for initial elementary or secondary teacher certification, or recertification required to maintain your current teaching position.

Stafford Loan limits: Subsidized - \$5500 & Unsubsidized - \$2000
(Independent students are eligible for an additional \$5000 Unsubsidized).

In order to qualify for a Federal Stafford or Parent PLUS Loan under this category, the **Advising Dean from your college** must verify that you are meeting one of the exceptions listed above. Within two weeks after the completion and receipt of this form, the Student Financial Aid Office will notify you of your loan application status via your NIU email account. **Note:** You must enroll in 6 undergraduate credit hours per semester (3 during summer).

I affirm that I have read and understand the above information.

Required Student Signature

Z-ID

Date

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SECTION II: STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Z-ID _____
Last Name First MI

SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Please take this form to your college to be completed by the Advising Dean

Student's intended degree program: _____

Student's anticipated program admission date: _____

- Has the student been admitted into the undergraduate major area of study? Yes No
- Is the student taking undergraduate coursework to gain admission into an undergraduate limited admissions program? Yes No
- Is the student taking undergraduate coursework to be admitted into a graduate or professional program? Yes No

OR

- Is the student taking undergraduate coursework to complete a state required initial teacher certification or recertification program to maintain their current position? Yes No

Intended Certification: _____

Anticipated completion date: _____

Does the student meet the eligibility criteria as described above? Yes No

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____ Date _____
Advising Dean

Telephone Number _____

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