

## Helpful Hints 2008-2009

### Understanding your Bill on MyNIU

- Financial aid, such as grants and loans, shows as 'pending aid' on MyNIU until the actual funds disburse to NIU after the semester has begun. Pending aid is acting as a deferment toward your charges.
- Pending loans will back out and no longer act as a deferment if the student, or parent in the case of a PLUS Loan, has not completed the Master Promissory Note.
- Pending loans will back out if the student is required to complete the on-line Entrance Counseling Session and has not done so.

### Important Reminder for Student Loan Borrowers

- A new Master Promissory Note must be signed by all Stafford Loan borrowers and all students who are eligible for a Perkins Loan.
- New Entrance Counseling is required for all Perkins Loan borrowers.

### Loan Information

- All websites listed below can also be found at: [www.fa.niu.edu](http://www.fa.niu.edu) > Loans

#### Student Stafford Loan (Subsidized or Unsubsidized)

- Master Promissory Note  
All students must complete a new MPN for Direct Lending  
<https://dlenote.ed.gov/empn/index.jsp>
- Loan Entrance Counseling  
All first time Stafford Loan borrowers must complete this  
<https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/BorrowerWelcomePage.jsp>

#### Perkins Loan

- Master Promissory Note  
All students who are eligible for a Perkins Loan must complete a new MPN located on their MyNIU > Self Service > Campus Finances
- Loan Entrance Counseling  
All students must complete a new on-line counseling session  
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

#### Grad PLUS Loans

- For information, the application, and Entrance Counseling requirements  
[www.fa.niu.edu/loans/direct\\_grad\\_plus.shtml](http://www.fa.niu.edu/loans/direct_grad_plus.shtml)

## **Loan Information Cont'd**

### **Parent PLUS**

- If a parent applies for the PLUS and is denied due to adverse credit the student may be eligible for additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds
- For information and the application [www.fa.niu.edu/loans/direct\\_plus.shtml](http://www.fa.niu.edu/loans/direct_plus.shtml)

### **Student Alternative Loans**

- For information on private student loans [www.fa.niu.edu/loans/alternative.shtml](http://www.fa.niu.edu/loans/alternative.shtml)
- For additional information and guidance on lenders [www.finaid.org/loans/privatestudentloans.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/loans/privatestudentloans.phtml)

## **Accessing your NIU E-mail**

- Go to [www.webmail.students.niu.edu](http://www.webmail.students.niu.edu) log on using your Z-ID and password

## **Navigating through MyNIU**

- Log in using your Z-ID and password. Go to Self Service > Student Center

## **NIU ITS Help Desk**

- Contact the Information Technology Services Help Desk if you are experiencing difficulties logging into MyNIU. 815-753-8100 or e-mail to: [helpdesk@niu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@niu.edu)

## **Which Office...**

- Bill Payment and Refunds  
Bursar's Office, Swen Parson Hall 235  
[www.niu.edu/bursar/faq/faq.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/bursar/faq/faq.shtml)
- Verification of Enrollment for Insurance or Loan Deferment Forms  
Registration and Records, Williston Hall 220
- Student Health Insurance Waiver  
Health Services 201  
The waiver must be completed on-line at [www.niu.edu/shi/waiver/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/shi/waiver/index.shtml)
- Parking Permits  
Campus Parking Services, 121 Normal Road
- NIU Bookstore  
Holmes Student Center

## **NIU Book Charge System**

- Using your NIU One Card, financial aid recipients may charge up to \$700 in books and supplies at either the NIU Student Center Bookstore or Village Commons Bookstore. Bookstore charges will be added to your Bursar's bill, so only purchase what you need.
- Charge dates for Fall 2008: August 15, through Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>