



Private Student Loan Counseling Form

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This form may be submitted via email, mail, fax, or in person

STUDENT INFORMATION

_____ Last Name

_____ First Name

_____ La Verne ID

The University Of La Verne Office Of Financial Aid requires that all Private student loan borrowers complete a Private student loan counseling prior to the certification and disbursement of a private student loan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please review and check each statement below, acknowledging that you understand.

- A Private student loan provided by a private lender is not a Title IV loan and is issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses.
- Free or lower-cost Title IV federal, state, or school student financial aid may be available in place of, or in addition to, a private student loan. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- I have the right to select a lender of my choice for my private student loan.
- A private student loan may reduce eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school student financial aid.
- Interest rates on private student loans may change.
- Private student loans are not eligible to be consolidated with any federal loans borrowed.
- Private student loan lenders may charge additional interest, called capitalization, when the loan becomes due and payable.
- Private student loan lenders have the right to deny deferments although enrolled at least half-time, requiring immediate repayment of the private loan.
- Interest may accrue although enrolled at least half-time.
- It is required to contact the private student loan lender regarding address, enrollment, and change of status.
- The University of La Verne encourages me to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for Federal and State Aid before considering a private student loan. Please see page 2 for the differences between federal student loans and private student loans.

Please select one of the following:

- I have elected to obtain a private student loan in addition to accepting the Federal Direct Student Loan (which has a fixed interest rate and is guaranteed by the US Department of Education), Or
- I have elected to obtain a private student loan in place of the Federal Direct Student Loan and I understand some of the differences between the two., Or
- I have elected not to complete a FAFSA and will only be obtaining a private student loan.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

- I declare with my signature below, that I have read and understand the above information.

Student Signature

Date



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What are the differences between federal and private student loans?

Federal student loans include many benefits (such as fixed *interest* rates and [income-driven repayment plans](#)) not typically offered with private loans. In contrast, private loans are generally more expensive than federal student loans. The chart below provides a summary of the differences.

Federal Student Loans	Private Student Loans
You will not have to start repaying your federal student loans until you graduate, leave school, or change your <i>enrollment status</i> to less than half-time.	Many private student loans require payments while you are still in school.
The <i>interest rate</i> is fixed and is often lower than private loans—and much lower than some credit card interest rates. View the current interest rates on federal student loans.	Private student loans can have variable interest rates, some greater than 18%. A variable rate may substantially increase the total amount you repay.
Undergraduate students with <i>financial need</i> will likely qualify for a <i>subsidized loan</i> where the government pays the interest while you are in school on at least a half-time basis.	Private student loans are not subsidized. No one pays the interest on your loan but you.
You don't need to get a credit check for most federal student loans (except for PLUS loans). Federal student loans can help you establish a good credit record.	Private student loans may require an established credit record. The cost of a private student loan will depend on your credit score and other factors.
You won't need a cosigner to get a <i>federal student loan</i> in most cases.	You may need a cosigner.
Interest may be tax deductible.	Interest may not be tax deductible.
Loans can be consolidated into a <i>Direct Consolidation Loan</i> . Learn about your consolidation options .	Private student loans cannot be consolidated into a Direct Consolidation Loan.
If you are having trouble repaying your loan, you may be able to temporarily postpone or lower your payments.	Private student loans may not offer <i>forbearance</i> or <i>deferment</i> options.
There are several repayment plans, including an option to tie your monthly payment to your income.	You should check with your lender to find out about your repayment options.
There is no prepayment penalty fee.	You need to make sure there are no prepayment penalty fees.
You may be eligible to have some portion of your loans forgiven if you work in public service. Learn about the federal loan forgiveness programs at studentaid.ed.gov	It is unlikely that your lender will offer a loan forgiveness program.
Free help is available at 1-800-4-FED-AID and on the studentaid.ed.gov website.	The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's private student loan ombudsman (consumerfinance.gov)may be able to assist you if you have concerns about your private student loan.