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Simplify how you pay for college.

You may have realized by now that along with higher education comes financial responsibility. While there are many options available to you through the federal government, such as grants and Work-Study, sometimes these programs are not enough. That's where PNC fits in. PNC offers student loan programs to make even federal loans more affordable. When you need to bridge the gap between the cost of education and financial aid you may have received, PNC has student loan options to do just that.

Welcome to PNC's Education Loan Center.





## FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

### **Federal Pell Grants**

Federal Pell Grants range from \$400 to \$5,350 and are subject to federal budget appropriations. These grants are available to undergraduate students with exceptionally high need. These grants are not to be repaid.

### **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants**

These grants are available to undergraduate students based on need. Students may receive up to \$4,000 and this amount may exceed \$4,000 for study-abroad programs. First preference is given to Pell-eligible applicants. Due to limited funding, most colleges award grants less than the maximum allowed. These grants are not to be repaid.

### **Federal Work-Study**

Federal Work-Study is part-time campus work awarded to students based on need and is coordinated by the college. Earnings are at least minimum wage but may be more. Students are paid at least monthly and earnings may be used to pay tuition or any other college-related expense.

If you do not qualify for federal Work-Study, a campus job may still be available. Contact your college financial aid office or your college's career services office for off-campus job openings.

### **Federal Perkins Loans**

The Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest (5%) loan for students with exceptional financial need. The college is the lender, although the loan is funded by the federal government. A student may be eligible to borrow up to \$5,500 for each year of undergraduate study (not to exceed \$27,500 total) depending on when the student applies, the actual need and the availability of funding at the chosen college. A grace period of nine months is provided when the borrower has been attending college at least half-time but has graduated, withdrawn or dropped below half-time enrollment status. Depending on the total outstanding loan debt, the borrower may be allowed up to 10 years to repay.



## STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

### State Grants

Some states provide educational grants to residents who demonstrate a significant financial need. State and federal grants are not to be repaid. To apply for this type of award, students typically need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); however, additional application guidelines may be required.

To find out if your state offers educational assistance, contact your state higher education agency. Visit [ed.gov](https://ed.gov) to find out about financial aid options in your state.

### Institutional Aid

Some colleges and universities may provide scholarships and merit-based grants based on either need or performance. Check with your school's financial aid office or the placement office of your high school for more information.



## TAX CREDITS FOR STUDENTS

### Tax Credits for Education

Tax credits are available for families who are seeking additional college financing options. Your family may benefit from one of these programs depending on your family's financial circumstances.

### Hope Tax Credit

This is available to students who are enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate program and who have not completed the first two years of an undergraduate program. In order to take advantage of the tax credit, a family must file a tax return and owe taxes. Taxpayers will be allowed to claim a credit of a maximum of \$1,800 per student per tax year (100% of the first \$1,200 of your out-of-pocket educational expenses for each student, plus 50% of the next \$1,200).

### Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit is available for college juniors, seniors, graduate and professional degree students enrolled at least half-time. Adult learners who wish to return to college to begin a new career or to enhance or upgrade their skills can also benefit. This tax credit applies to students who have exhausted their two years of Hope Tax Credit eligibility or to students who do not qualify for the Hope Tax Credit. Of course, an eligible taxpayer must file a return and owe taxes to qualify. The tax credit is not to exceed 20% of \$10,000 of qualified tuition and required fees paid with a maximum limit of \$2,000 per taxpayer return.

Other eligibility requirements, including income restrictions, must be met to take advantage of these credits.

For more details about these educational tax credits, contact your income tax preparer or visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).



## FEDERAL EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMS

### for students

#### National Stafford Loan Program

The Federal Stafford Loan is a low-interest education loan designed for undergraduate and graduate students. Stafford Loans are an extremely popular and cost-effective source of education funds. PNC provides borrower benefits and favorable repayment options on these loans.

- A 5.60% interest rate applies only to undergraduate subsidized Stafford Loans disbursed on or after 07/01/09. Graduate Subsidized Stafford and all unsubsidized Stafford Loans will be fixed at 6.80%.
- Receive an additional 0.25% interest rate reduction for payments electronically deducted from any bank account.<sup>1</sup>
- A federal origination and default fee may be deducted from your loan. For loans guaranteed on or after 07/01/09, the origination fee is equal to 0.50% of the amount borrowed. The default fee is equal to 1% of the amount borrowed.<sup>2</sup>

1 The 0.25% interest rate reduction is removed and your rate will increase if automatic payment is discontinued for any reason. Applicable for loans with first disbursements on or after 07/01/08.

2 The 1% default fee will be waived if the participating guaranty agency selected by the borrower will pay the fee. Borrowers may contact the PNC Bank Education Loan Center to verify which agencies do not charge a default fee.

**Please note:** PNC reserves the right to modify or discontinue any or all terms of this program at any time without notice. Loans may be sold to other financial organizations including the federal government. The interest rate and term of the loan will not change when a loan is sold.



## FEDERAL EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMS for parents

### Parent PLUS Loan Program

Parents of undergraduate students are eligible for the PNC Bank PLUS Loan, regardless of income, and as long as they meet the requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Eligibility

- Student must qualify as your dependent
- Parent and student must be U.S. citizens, national, permanent resident aliens or eligible non-citizens of another type
- Student must maintain satisfactory academic progress

### Borrowers can receive the following benefits:

- Receive an additional 0.25% interest rate reduction for payments electronically deducted from any bank account.<sup>1</sup>
- No payments while enrolled at least half-time. When you need it most, PNC Bank can assist you by delaying your PLUS Loan payments while your student is in school.<sup>2</sup>
- Favorable repayment terms. Standard, Income Sensitive, and Graduated repayment terms to 10 years.

1 The 0.25% interest rate reduction is removed and your rate will increase if automatic payment is discontinued for any reason. Applicable for loans first disbursed on or after 11/01/08.

2 Principal and interest payments can be deferred while the student is enrolled at least half-time as defined by the school. Interest will continue to accrue on the outstanding balance of your loan from the time of disbursement until payment. Interest, which is not paid during any period of deferment or forbearance for which you qualify, will be capitalized (added to the principal balance) when payments are scheduled to begin. Loans are subject to credit approval.

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## FEDERAL EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMS

### for graduate students

#### Graduate PLUS Loan Program

A Federal Graduate PLUS Loan from PNC is an affordable and attractive solution for keeping your graduate school expenses within reach - so you can stay focused on the future with confidence.

#### Eligibility

Graduate students are eligible, regardless of income, as long as they meet the requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, student must:

- be U.S. citizens, national, permanent resident aliens or eligible non-citizens of an other type
- be accepted or enrolled (at least half-time) in a graduate program leading to a degree at an eligible school
- maintain satisfactory academic progress
- have satisfactory credit

#### Borrowers can receive the following benefits:

- An additional 0.25% interest rate reduction for payments electronically deducted from any bank account.<sup>1</sup>
- No payments while enrolled at least half-time. When you need it most, PNC Bank can assist you by delaying your PLUS Loan payments while you are in school.<sup>2</sup>
- Favorable repayment terms. Standard, Income Sensitive, and Graduated repayment terms to 10 years.

1 The 0.25% interest rate reduction is removed and your rate will increase if automatic payment is discontinued for any reason. Applicable for loans first disbursed on or after 11/01/08.

2 Principal and interest payments can be deferred while the graduate student borrower is enrolled at least half-time as defined by the school. Interest will continue to accrue on the outstanding balance of your loan from the time of disbursement until payment. Interest, which is not paid during any period of deferment or forbearance for which you qualify, will be capitalized (added to the principal balance) when payments are scheduled to begin. Loans are subject to credit approval.

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## PRIVATE LOAN PROGRAMS<sup>1</sup> for students

### The PNC Solution Loan Program

When federal loans are not enough, PNC offers a private loan that can help students pay for educational expenses not covered by financial aid. Eligible undergraduate and graduate students may receive the following benefits:

- A 0.25% interest rate reduction for automatic payment deductions<sup>2</sup>
- Co-signer release option after 48 consecutive on-time payments and subject to credit approval
- Flexible deferment and forbearance options
- Easy certification process

### Eligibility

To be eligible, borrower must:

- Be an undergraduate or graduate student, enrolled at least half-time in a degree program
- Meet the credit guidelines listed below:

### Undergraduate Borrower or Co-borrower

- Must have at least two years of satisfactory credit, residency and employment history
- Must have income sufficient to make required payments
- If self-employed, must have been in business for at least two years
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have resided in the U.S. for the previous two years

### Graduate Borrower

If you are applying as a credit-ready applicant on your own signature, you will need:

- To have good credit history
- To be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

1 Loans are subject to credit approval. PNC Bank encourages students to review and exhaust their federal borrowing options before considering a private loan.

2 The 0.25% interest rate reduction is removed and your rate will increase if automatic payment is discontinued for any reason.



## PRIVATE LOAN PROGRAMS

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If applying as credit-worthy or with a credit-worthy co-signer, the credit-worthy applicant needs:

- A satisfactory credit history of at least two years
- Proof of current income
- If self-employed, to have been in business for at least two years
- To be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have resided in the U.S. for the previous two years

### Interest Rate

The interest rate is variable and set quarterly. The interest rate is calculated based on the one month LIBOR Index (London Interbank Offered Rate - published in the “Money Rates” section of the *Wall Street Journal* on the first business day of each of the three calendar months preceding each quarterly change) plus a margin determined by the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or co-borrower.

### Loan Fees

The origination fees are determined by the creditworthiness of the borrower and/or co-borrower.

### Repayment

The borrower has up to six months after leaving school or dropping below half-time enrollment status to begin repayment on his or her loan. Undergraduates may choose among three repayment options: immediate repayment, deferred principal payments or total deferment.

### For More Information

Contact PNC Bank at **1-800-762-1001** or visit [pnconcampus.com](https://pnconcampus.com).

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## HELPFUL WEBSITES

### **Find a college that's right for you**

*collegeboard.com*

### **Apply for a PIN**

*pin.ed.gov*

### **Submit the FAFSA**

*fafsa.ed.gov*

### **Search for scholarships**

*srnexpress.com*

*fastweb.com*

### **Find other financing options**

*pnconcampus.com*

*students.gov*

*rs.gov*

### **Find other pertinent information regarding higher education**

*ed.gov*

### **Learn how to manage your debt**

*pnc.financialliteracy101.org*

*youcandealwithit.com*



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