

GETTING YOUR AID TO PAY GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL CHECKLIST

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Apply for federal aid: File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

Accept or decline aid by logging onto STAR at <https://star.wvu.edu>.



I accepted a loan. Students accepting a Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loan for the first time must complete **BOTH** of the following requirements at studentloans.gov:

Loan Agreement a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN)

Entrance Counseling

I want to apply for a Graduate PLUS Loan. You must complete **ALL** of the following requirements after logging into studentloans.gov with your Federal Student Aid ID:

Complete the Graduate PLUS Application process

If approved and a first time Graduate PLUS borrower, you must complete the:

Loan Agreement for a PLUS Loan (MPN)


Entrance Counseling

I want to apply for a private loan. You can pursue credit-based loans from private lenders to help fund educational expenses. Our ELM Select private loan search engine is a tool to help you find the best loan for you! You can also find a list of state agencies that offer private loans to their residents. Private loan information can be found [here](#).



Need someone to call on your behalf? If you need someone to call the institution on your behalf to find out information about your account, you must give them proxy access on the STAR system. Instructions can be found at parent-guest.portal.wvu.edu/detailed-instructions.



<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I accepted Federal Work Study or am interested in part-time student employment. After June 1, students can apply for jobs via MountaineerTRAK at studentemployment.wvu.edu. Please note Federal Work Study funds come to the student as a paycheck as they work. They do not apply directly to tuition and fees.</p> 
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Check STAR to see if there are any Unsatisfied Requirements under the Financial Aid “Eligibility” section that may prevent aid from disbursing.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I am receiving a tuition waiver. If it is not reflected on your account, check with the department providing the waiver to ensure it has been submitted. The Office of Graduate Studies normally provides email updates throughout the process.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Maintain required enrollment. Direct Federal Loans require at least half-time enrollment for disbursement (5 or more hours per semester for graduate/professional students during fall/spring, 3 or more hours during summer). Loans will be canceled if not enrolled at least half-time by the last day to add or drop a class. Add/Drop dates can be found at registrar.wvu.edu.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Interested in making monthly payments? Set up a payment plan at tuitionpaymentplan.com/wvu.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Expecting a refund? To receive your refund faster, sign up for direct deposit at studentaccounts.wvu.edu/refunds. Otherwise, you will receive a paper check to the local mailing address listed on your account.</p>

Now go have a great semester!

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