

## 2023-2024 Private Student Loan Application Instructions

### What is a private student loan?

Private student loans are offered to students by third-party lenders based on personal credit rating and are used to help students with the costs of attending college. These loans may have a variable interest rate that exceeds the fixed interest rate of a Federal Direct loan. Private student loans do not always provide deferment periods and often have a shorter repayment term.

Submission of the form does not initiate the private loan process. You must begin by going to the lender of your choosing and completing their application process. Pima Community College is not involved in the recommendation or approval process of private loans.

### What is Truth in Lending Act (TIA)?

A federal law enacted in 1968 with the intention of protecting consumers in their dealings with lenders and creditors. The Act requires creditors who deal with consumers to make certain written disclosures concerning finance charges and related aspects of credit transactions (including disclosing and annual percentage rate) and comply with other mandates, and requires advertisements to include certain disclosures.

### Why would a student want a private student loan?

Always consult the financial aid office to make sure you have exhausted Federal aid opportunities, scholarships before borrowing private student loans.

### Are there borrowing limits to this type of loan?

Yes, the student's combined awards cannot exceed their [Cost of Attendance \(COA\)](#). Please be aware that we might not process the loan in the amount you have applied for and been approved for due to the COA. Each student is assigned a COA by the college based on many factors such as residency status, cost of tuition, books, scholastic expenses, and the student's credit hour enrollment for that semester. Consult your MyPima account at [MyPima.pima.edu](http://MyPima.pima.edu) or an appropriate Financial Aid advisor in the Student Service Center if you would like to review your personal COA.

### How do I apply for a Private Educational Loan?

1. Contact the lender of your choice, obtain pre-approval, and complete their Master Promissory Note. We will attempt to work with the lender of your choice. It might not always be possible to process all requests.
2. Submit pages 2-4 of the 2023-2024 Undergraduate Private Student Loan Request form.
3. Your request will be processed within 10 business days. Disbursement dates vary by lender.
4. Updates will be sent only to your MyPima account. Log in regularly to see updates and messages.

### Is this the only loan that is available to students?

No, students can receive loan funds by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who apply for Federal Student Aid (FSA) will be assessed for eligibility of both grant and loan funding. The Federal Direct loans are federally guaranteed, do not require a personal credit rating, have a maximum fixed interest rate, and offer deferment periods and various repayment options.

Private Student loans typically disburse within 3-4 weeks from when you complete all steps listed above. Disbursement dates and timelines may vary. Contact your lender for more details.

**Remember to always borrow wisely!**

## 2023-2024 Private Student Loan Request

Please indicate your intent for this loan by selecting one of the following options:

- I wish to take out Federal Direct Loans first and use the private student loan to fill any remaining eligibility in my Cost of Attendance (COA).
- I am declining all Federal Direct Loans that have been offered to me. I understand that I can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine my eligibility for Federal Direct Loans. I choose to take the private student loan in place of Federal Direct Loans.

**Borrower's Information (please print in blue or black ink)**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ SSN # \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Income for the year 2022 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number/State \_\_\_\_\_ State of Legal Residence \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship Status**

- U.S. Citizen     Permanent Resident or Eligible Non-Citizen.....Alien Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Default(s)**

Are you currently in default on a Federal Direct student loan? (Check one)     Yes     No

**Lender Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the section below. Enter a zero if you do not wish to borrow any funds for a specific term. Please indicate the maximum amount you wish to borrow per term. There are limits to the amount you may borrow as determined by your [Cost of Attendance](#) (COA). A request is not a guarantee that the total amount you request will be granted. The amount you request will be evaluated and determined based on your eligibility.

Type of Loan	Amount Requested*
A) Total Fall Loan Amount Requested (enter zero if not requesting)	\$ _____
B) Total Spring Loan Amount Requested (enter zero if not requesting)	\$ _____
C) Total Summer Loan Amount Requested (enter zero if not requesting)	\$ _____
<b>Total Loan Amount Requested (add A, B &amp; C and enter the total here)</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

If I have questions regarding this loan, I will contact my lender. If I have questions regarding disbursement, I will contact the PCC Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

I understand that my loan may be adjusted at any point in the term due to changes in my eligibility including, but not limited to: changes in my enrollment status, additional aid received, residency, and/or housing plans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Borrower**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Scan and upload using the MyPima FA Document Upload portal, or submit to any campus Financial Aid Advisor in the Student Services Center if you are unable to upload.**



# Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification

This space for lender use only

OMB No. 1845-0101  
Form Approved  
Exp. Date 8/31/2025

**Important:** Pursuant to Section 155 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA) and to satisfy the requirements of Section 128(e)(3) of the Truth in Lending Act, a lender must obtain a self-certification signed by the applicant before disbursing a private education loan. The school is required on request to provide this form or the required information only for students admitted or enrolled at the school. Throughout this Applicant Self-Certification, "you" and "your" refer to the applicant who is applying for the loan. The applicant and the student may be the same person.

**Instructions:** Before signing, carefully read the entire form, including the definitions and other information on the following page. Submit the signed form to your lender.

## SECTION 1: NOTICES TO APPLICANT

- 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 education 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.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.
- A private education loan may reduce eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school student financial aid.
- You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to pursue the availability of free or lower-cost financial aid with the school's financial aid office.
- The financial information required to complete this form can be obtained from the school's financial aid office. If the lender has provided this information, you should contact your school's financial aid office to verify this information and to discuss your financing options.

## SECTION 2: COST OF ATTENDANCE AND ESTIMATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If information is not already entered below, obtain the needed information from the school's financial aid office and enter it on the appropriate line. Sign and date where indicated. See Section 5 for definitions of financial aid terms.

- A. Student's cost of attendance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Estimated financial assistance for the period of enrollment covered by the loan \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Difference between amounts A and B \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- WARNING:** If you borrow more than the amount on line C, you risk reducing your eligibility for free or lower-cost federal, state, or school financial aid.

## SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enter or correct the information below.

Full Name and Address of School \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (last, first, MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code / Telephone Number Home \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Enrollment Covered by the Loan (mm/dd/yyyy) From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

If the student is NOT the applicant, provide the student's name and date of birth.

Student Name (last, first, MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 4: APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I certify that I have read and understood the notices in Section 1 and, that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS**

**Cost of attendance** is an estimate of tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, and other costs for the period of enrollment covered by the loan, as determined by the school. A student's cost of attendance may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

**Estimated financial assistance** is all federal, state, institutional (school), private, and other sources of assistance used in determining eligibility for most Title IV student financial aid, including amounts of financial assistance used to replace the expected family contribution. The student's estimated financial assistance is determined by the school and may be obtained from the school's financial aid office.

A **lender** is a private education lender as defined in Section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act and any other person engaged in the business of securing, making, or extending private education loans on behalf of the lender.

A **period of enrollment** is the academic year, academic term (such as semester, trimester, or quarter), or the number of weeks of instructional time for which the applicant is requesting the loan.

A **private education loan** is a loan provided by a private education lender that is not a Title IV loan and that is issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses, regardless of whether the loan is provided through the school that the student attends or directly to the borrower from the private education lender. A private education loan does not include (1) An extension of credit under an open-end consumer credit plan, a reverse mortgage transaction, a residential mortgage transaction, or any other loan that is secured by real property or a dwelling; or (2) An extension of credit in which the school is the lender if the term of the extension of credit is 90 days or less or an interest rate will not be applied to the credit balance and the term of the extension of credit is one year or less, even if the credit is payable in more than four installments.

**Title IV student financial aid** includes the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Perkins Loan Program, and the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. To apply for Title IV federal grants, loans, and work-study, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID, or from the school's financial aid office.

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***If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:*** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651

***If you have any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, contact your lender.***