

Widener University Delaware Law School

Financial Aid Office

The Financial Aid Office has recently received a request to certify a private, alternative loan for the upcoming academic year. Prior to certifying the loan, we wanted to provide you with information concerning the Federal Direct Loan programs that may be an option you had not considered to assist you in financing your legal education.

Federal Direct Loans have a fixed Interest Rate that does not change over the life of the loan. There is a six month grace period following your last date of attendance before you go into repayment. In addition, the Federal Direct Loan program offers deferments and forbearances that allow you to postpone making payments in certain situations. Repayment Plan options include Standard, Graduated, Extended and several programs based on your income, including Income Contingent, Income Based, Pay As You Earn and RePaye.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan is a non-credit based loan. A graduate student can borrow up to \$20,500.00 per academic year. The Interest Rate is fixed at 7.05% and there is a 1.057% origination fee. The Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan is a federally guaranteed, credit based loan with a fixed interest rate of 8.05%. It has origination fee of 4.228%.

Application procedures can be found on the Financial Aid Checklist at <http://delawarelaw.widener.edu/faforms>

Please be aware that private alternative loans may not be consolidated with your Federal Direct Loans and will not be eligible for the Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

In order to process your financial aid more effectively, please complete and return this letter indicating your preference for the private loan application on file to be certified or your intention to apply for a Grad PLUS loan.

_____ Process existing Private Loan Request for 2023-2024 academic year.

_____ I intend to borrow a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loans for 2023-2024 academic year. However, I would still like the private loan processed for the amount requested up to any remaining eligibility.

_____ I would like to borrow Federal Direct Loans for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please cancel my existing private loan.

Student's name

Student signature

Student ID

Date

Failure to return this letter within ten days will result in the processing of your private, alternative loan request. Forms may be returned via email to DelawareLawFinAid@widener.edu . If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 302-477-2272.