How To Guide: Completing Entrance Counseling for Federal Student Loans

Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

Students borrowing Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loans must complete online Entrance counseling before receiving their loan funds.

Entrance Counseling explains your rights and responsibilities as a borrower. It helps you understand the cost of your education, how interest works, your repayment options, and the potential consequences of default. This requirement helps first-time federal student loan borrowers make informed financial decisions about their education.

You should complete Entrance Counseling if you plan to use federal student loans. To confirm whether you must complete this requirement, check your My Financial Aid Portal (see the image below).

1. Go to StudentAid.gov and log in using your account username and password (FSA ID).
    a. A demo is available if you would like to preview the process.
2. From the **Loans and Grants** menu, select **Entrance Counseling.**
3. Select **Undergraduate** as your student type.
4. Select Denison as the school to notify. Choose **Ohio** as the state and search for **Denison University** as the school name.
5. Review the educational information on each page regarding loan terms, costs, and repayment responsibilities.
6. Answer the Check Your Knowledge questions on each screen to continue.
7. Select **Submit Counseling** to complete the process.
8. The system will automatically notify Denison within three business days. You can verify its receipt in your My Financial Aid Portal.

studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/

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Complete Your Student Loan Entrance Counseling Requirement

Entrance counseling ensures you understand the terms and conditions of your loan and your rights and responsibilities. You'll learn what a loan is, how interest works, your options for repayment, and how to avoid delinquency and default.

When you're finished, a record of your completion will be sent to the schools you selected, and you can then receive your loan money. Keep in mind that you cannot save and leave an incomplete session; you must complete entrance counseling in one sitting.

Select Your Student Status to Begin

Your school may have different entrance counseling requirements. Check with your school's financial aid office to be sure that the counseling on this website satisfies your school's entrance counseling requirements.

When completing entrance counseling, please be sure to do the following:

- Close all internet browser tabs other than the one you're using to complete the counseling.
- Do not let your session time out while you're completing the counseling. Sessions time out after 15 minutes of inactivity.

I am an Undergraduate Student

Entrance counseling for undergraduate students is required if you have not previously received a Direct Subsidized Loan or a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

You're an undergraduate student if you are enrolled in an undergraduate course of study that usually doesn't exceed four years and that leads to an undergraduate degree or certificate.

Log in to Start

View Demo

myaid.denison.edu/NetPartnerStudent/PgHome.aspx

My Financial Aid
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Welcome Jonathan

From My Financial Aid portal, you can do the following:

- Check the status of your financial aid
- View your financial aid awards
- Accept, Reduce or Decline the student loans offered to you
- View and upload any requested documents to the Office of Financial Aid
- View your student loan history
- Report Outside Scholarships/Resources to the Office of Financial Aid

Click on the Menu on the upper left corner to view options.

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Schedule a virtual appointment with us!

Meet or contact the Financial Aid Staff

Your Documents

Document	Status	Status Date	Message
Direct Loan Master Promissory Note	Not Received	6/17/2026	
Direct Loan Entrance Counseling	Not Received	6/17/2026	
FAFSA	Received	8/7/2026	
CSS Profile	Received	4/20/2026	