Q. **How do I request a student loan at Shoreline Community College?**
   A. After completing the FAFSA and a financial aid file, you must complete all required steps to borrow a student loan (*use your Federal Financial Aid PIN requested at www.pin.ed.gov*)
      1) Complete the Master Promissory Note (eMPN) at [https://www.studentloans.gov](https://www.studentloans.gov)
      2) Complete Entrance Counseling (first-time borrowers) at [https://www.studentloans.gov](https://www.studentloans.gov)
      3) Complete and submit the Loan Request form to the office.

Q. **How much can I borrow?**
   A. Maximum annual loan limits per academic year are:
      
      |                      | Dependent student | Independent student |
      |----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
      | Subsidized + Unsubsidized | $3,500 + 2,000 = $5,500 | $3,500 + 6,000 = $9,500 |
      | Second year *(earned 45+ credits)* | $4,500 + 2,000 = $6,500 | $4,500 + 6,000 = $10,500 |

   **NOTE:** The maximum amount you may borrow is determined by the number of quarters for your loan and might differ from the award letter. **You must be enrolled in at least six eligible credits to receive loan funds.**

Q. **Are there loan fees?**
   A. Loan fees are 1% of the amount you borrow. The fees are subtracted each quarter you attend. For example, if you borrow $1,000, the fees are $10, and the loan funds you receive will be $990.

Q. **What do subsidized and unsubsidized mean?**
   A. *Subsidized* loans do not accrue interest while you are in school. Interest is paid by taxpayer funds while you are in school *at least half-time* (six credits) and during the six month grace period.
      *Unsubsidized* loans do accrue interest to you at 6.8% while you're in school, which you must repay.

Q. **How much do I need to borrow?**
   A. You can determine the loan amount you need by reviewing the expenses you will have for the year, including all school-related expenses. Determine which expenses will be paid for by your income from work, and from any grants you will receive. **Borrow what you need for the whole academic year in your initial request.**

Q. **What are the current interest rates?**
   A. *Subsidized* loans currently have an interest rate of 3.4%
      *Unsubsidized* loans currently have an interest rate of 6.8%

Q. **What is an average amount students borrow, and what are the estimated monthly payments?**
   A. Some Shoreline students have borrowed an average of $5,434 for two years of attendance. An average estimated monthly payment on this amount for 10 years at 6.8% interest (rate effective 07/01/08) is $62.53.
      
      To estimate your monthly repayment with your total indebtedness, you can go to www.studentloans.gov and choose "repayment plans and calculators".

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Q. When will I receive my loan funds?
A. You must be enrolled in at least six eligible credits (ESLAB credits are not eligible). If submitted after your initial award, allow 2-4 weeks to process your loan request, depending upon the volume of applications. Incomplete and/or missing documents will delay your loan.

After your loan is processed, you will receive a Disclosure Statement from the U.S. Department of Education. This will state the amount of your loan, the estimated disbursement dates, the interest rate, number of disbursements for the academic year, and other information.

A check might be mailed to you 2-4 weeks after you receive your disclosure statement. Keep your mailing address (and e-mail address) current with Admissions: www.shoreline.edu/Current Students – My SCC – Student Address Change.

Q. Do I have to accept the loan funds? Can I cancel the loan? How do I cancel the loan?
A. You have the right to cancel all or a portion of the loan. You need to submit a written request to Enrollment & Financial Aid Services to cancel all or a portion of loan before funds have been disbursed.

Q. What if I’ve never had a student loan before?
A. First-time borrowers must complete Entrance Counseling at www.studentloans.gov (see steps on other side of this page). During the Entrance Counseling session you will learn important information about your rights and responsibilities as a borrower. If you have questions about Direct Loans, financial aid staff are available to assist you. Loans are not processed for first-time borrowers until the Entrance Counseling is completed.

Q. When do I have to start repaying my loan?
A. Loan repayment is deferred while you are enrolled at least half-time (minimum of six credits) in an eligible program of study. Before you complete your program, Exit Counseling is required, through www.nslds.ed.gov. Once you are not enrolled in at least six credits, your repayment period will begin. There is an initial six-month grace period during which you are not required to make payments. When the grace period ends, you must begin making payments.

Q. How much will my monthly payments be, and for how long?
A. To estimate your monthly payments with your total student loan debt, you can find information at www.studentloans.gov and choose “Repayment Plans and Calculators”. If you have questions, call the Direct Loan Servicing Center at (800) 848-0979 or the federal processor at (800) 433-3243.

Q. What else should I know?
A. The maximum amount you may borrow is determined by the number of quarters for your loan; this amount might differ from the amount printed on your Award Notification. When you receive a federal Direct Loan, you agree to complete the Exit Counseling when you leave Shoreline Community College. You can complete the online Exit counseling at www.nslds.ed.gov.

Q. How can I learn more about the Federal Direct Loan?
A. More information is available at these web sites: www.direct.ed.gov/student.html

http://www.studentloans.gov
www.nslds.ed.gov