

## ***Important: Changes to Federal Direct Loans (Action Needed)***

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) changes go into effect **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

### ***Who is a Legacy Borrower?***

A *Legacy Borrower* is a student borrower that has a Federal Direct Loan (Unsubsidized or Grad PLUS) disbursed before July 1, 2026 while enrolled in the same program of study.

These borrowers keep pre-OBBBA loan eligibility status and are eligible to apply for Federal Direct PLUS loans for 3 academic years or the remainder of their expected time to credential, whichever is less.

### ***How to secure Legacy Borrower Status:***

You must be enrolled in the 2026 Summer Term and have Direct Loan funds disbursed prior to **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### ***These items must be completed:***

- **Apply for the 2026-2027 FAFSA** on studentaid.gov (**Deadline June 22, 2026**)
  - Ensure the correct school code was used: **003790**.
  - The school listed should come up as SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, **not** Seattle University School of Law.
  - Once the FAFSA has been received by our office, we will issue you a Financial Aid Offer Letter to your SU email account with necessary steps to secure your student loan funds.
- **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan**
  - Complete the required Federal Direct Unsubsidized Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling.
    - [Master Promissory Note](#)
    - [Entrance Counseling](#)
  - Our office will send the loan off for origination with Direct Loan program.
  - Once originated, your loan funds will be disbursed to your student account. You are all set as a *Legacy Borrower*!

### ***Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan (steps on backside)***

- *Note: you are not required to apply for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, but should you not be eligible for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan due to loan limits, you will want to follow the application steps to secure legacy status (same timeline applies).*

***Questions? Contact us at 206.398.4250 or email [lawfa@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawfa@seattleu.edu)***

## *Graduate PLUS application Steps*

- **Apply for the 2026-2027 Graduate PLUS Loan Application** on studentaid.gov
  - Make sure any freezes on your credit have been removed
  - Loan Period: June 2026 – May 2027
  - Loan Amount: Refer to the “Alternative Loan Eligibility” on your Financial Aid Offer Letter. You may indicate: **MAX, Specific Amount, or Unknown.**
  - Once completed and credit approved, email [lawfa@seattleu.edu](mailto:lawfa@seattleu.edu) and state how much of your Grad PLUS loan you would like to allocate to the Summer Term; state something along the lines of:
    - I would like my Grad PLUS loan to cover **only** tuition and fees for the Summer
    - I would like my Grad PLUS loan to cover tuition and fees **and** would like to receive [amount] for books/living expenses.
  - Ensure that **PLUS** Entrance Counseling and PLUS Master Promissory Note are completed
    - This is in addition to Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note for the Unsubsidized loan
    - [Grad PLUS Master Promissory Note](#) (make sure you Select PLUS MPN)
    - [Grad PLUS Entrance Counseling](#)