

# MILLIGAN COLLEGE

## Award Letter Instruction Booklet 2012-2013

Dear Financial Aid Recipient:

Student Financial Services has reviewed your application for financial assistance and is pleased to make an award to you for the 2012-13 academic year. Your **Award Letter** is enclosed with this **Award Letter Instruction Booklet**. Please read the Award Letter and the Instruction Booklet carefully and complete the following steps:

1. **Accept or decline loans and work study** on your Award Letter.

### Loans:

- Indicate on award letter whether you are accepting or declining ALL loans.
- When requesting Federal Direct Stafford Loan amounts, ensure that you have requested the total that you need for the entire award period (summer/fall/spring) as listed on your award letter. Use the total column to indicate the total amount requested and indicate this amount on your award letter in the appropriate space that is provided.
- If your Award Letter includes a Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan or a Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, and you are a new student loan borrower, complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN). Instructions for completion of the MPN are in this booklet (page 6).
- Complete Entrance Loan Counseling if you are accepting a Federal Direct Stafford and/or Federal Perkins Loan and you are a new student loan borrower.

### Work Study:

- Indicate on award letter whether you are accepting or declining work study.
- Complete the Student Job Preference Request form enclosed and return with your award letter.

2. If you are receiving **outside scholarships**, you must report the annual amount on this award letter or at the time you receive notification of the scholarship award.
3. **Sign and date** your award letter.
4. Return one copy of the completed award letter in the self-addressed envelope and keep the second copy for your records. **A signed award letter is required in order to disburse federal financial aid funds to your student account.**
5. Additional information regarding financial aid and federal student loan processes is discussed in this booklet. **It is important that you read this information carefully and complete the process in order for Milligan College to be able to receive your federal and state financial aid.**

We hope that your award will assist you in furthering your educational career at Milligan College. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 800.447.4880 or 423.461.8949.

Sincerely,

Student Financial Services

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## Student Financial Services (SFS)

At Milligan College, Student Financial Services (SFS) provides a personalized and centralized approach to **financial aid** and **student accounts**. The benefit to you is “one stop service,” where all questions related to finances are handled by the same office and personnel. SFS wants to help you understand the financial aid process and put you on the right track to meeting your financial needs. It is important for you to meet the priority deadlines and to **respond quickly** to requests for additional information and documentation.

Complete information and helpful resources about Financial Aid at Milligan College are available online at: [www.milligan.edu/SFS](http://www.milligan.edu/SFS). Complete details and policies about financial aid and student accounts are detailed in the *Milligan College Catalog*, which can be found online at [www.milligan.edu](http://www.milligan.edu).

## Charges for 2012-13

### Traditional Four-Year Students (full-time)

	<u>Per Semester</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
Tuition	\$12,868	\$25,735
Fees	512	1,025
* Room (double)	1,425	2,850
Board	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$16,305	\$32,610

**\*Room rates will vary depending on housing selections/ assignments:**

Webb and Sutton (double)	\$1,425	\$2,850
Hart (double)	1,525	3,050
Quillen, Kegley, Williams (double)	1,625	3,250
Apartment Suites (double)	1,725	3,450

### Adult Degree Completion Program (full-time)

Tuition	\$3,420	\$6,840
Fees	<u>90</u>	<u>180</u>
TOTAL	\$3,510	\$7,020

### Graduate Programs

	<u>Per Credit Hour</u>
MBA (new student rate)	\$575
* M.Ed.	\$360
* MSOT (new student rate)	\$650

\* Additional Fees: Full-time tech fee is \$225 per semester for these programs

**Books and supplies** are to be purchased by the student and will be paid for at the time of purchase. A student should anticipate \$1,200 per year for books (this is an average and will vary by student and program).

A complete breakdown of charges is available in the *Milligan College Catalog*, available online at [www.milligan.edu](http://www.milligan.edu).



# Conditions of Your Award

Must read!

## Your Financial Aid Package is Subject to the Following Conditions:

1. Your awards are based upon information you provided on the *Milligan College Admission Application*, the *Milligan College Financial Aid Application* (filed by returning students only), and the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). Any corrections to the information you submitted may alter your awards. **If your awards are amended, you will receive a revised award letter.**
2. Your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) serves as your application for federal student loans, Tennessee Student Assistance Award, the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships (HOPE/General Assembly Merit/Aspire Award), Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, Federal Work Study, and TEACH Grant.
3. Your **completed and signed award letter must be received** by Student Financial Services in order to certify your loan(s) and disburse your federal financial aid. Milligan College assumes that all scholarship and grant awards will be accepted by the student, unless you expressly note that you are declining the award on your award letter.
4. Students accepting financial aid from Milligan College must report any scholarships, private loans, grants, or other benefits which they may be receiving from **any source other** than Milligan College.
5. **Full-time enrollment is assumed** when making your initial award unless you indicated a lesser number of hours on your *Milligan College Financial Aid Application* (filed by returning students only) or you have communicated a change in schedule with your Student Financial Services Counselor. **Any change in enrollment status may alter the enclosed awards.**
6. Any funds received under Federal Title IV programs (Pell, FSEOG, Federal Work Study, Perkins, Stafford, PLUS, and TEACH Grant) must be used **exclusively for educational expenses** related to attendance at Milligan.
7. **If you withdraw** from Milligan for any reason, you must follow the **official withdrawal policy** outlined in the *Milligan College Catalog* at [www.milligan.edu](http://www.milligan.edu).
8. **This award is for one year only but may be renewable** in subsequent years. You are required to **reapply using the renewal FAFSA for subsequent years**. You must be in good academic standing and make satisfactory academic progress in order to continue receiving financial aid for future years. See information in *Milligan College Catalog* at [www.milligan.edu](http://www.milligan.edu).
9. Credit balance refunds are distributed **after the end of the drop/add period** to the student, unless generated as a result of Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan proceeds, in which case the refund is sent to the parent borrower.
10. **Satisfactory Academic Progress:** All students are required to meet the minimum standards of satisfactory academic progress to receive federal student aid. Additional standards must be met to continue to receive Milligan College scholarships and state assistance. Consult your *Milligan College Catalog* for these requirements.

If you are a **continuing student** at Milligan College and your *2012-13 Financial Aid Award Letter* has been printed before the Spring 2012 semester grades were available, **your awards are contingent upon meeting the appropriate level** of attempted or earned hours and cumulative grade point average required for federal, state, and institutional assistance. You will receive a **revised award letter if your academic progress affects your award status.**
11. **Athletic Scholarships:** Your coach will communicate your award information to Student Financial Services, and you will be requested to complete an *Athletic Scholarship Agreement*. Team rosters may not be finalized before your initial award of financial assistance for 2012-13. If you receive an athletic scholarship after your initial financial aid award, you will receive a revised Financial Aid Award Letter. Revisions to the financial aid package can reduce Milligan College scholarships, grants, or loan eligibility.
12. **Verification:** If you are selected for verification (see *Important Terms*), you will receive a separate request for additional information (i.e. verification forms, IRS tax transcript, etc). **If there are missing documents required to complete verification, they are also listed on your award letter.** Returning students are not awarded until the verification process has been completed. If corrections regarding information you reported on your FAFSA are required as a result of verification, our office will make the corrections electronically. If these changes affect your awards, you will receive a revised award letter. **Verification must be completed before federal funds are disbursed to your student account.**

# IV. Important Terms

**Award Letter:** Your award letter states the type and amount of financial aid that Milligan can provide if you accept admission and enroll to take classes.

**Cost of Attendance (COA):** The total amount it will cost you to attend Milligan—usually expressed as a yearly figure. It is determined using rules established by law. The COA includes tuition and fees; on-campus room and board (or a housing and food allowance for approved off-campus students); and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees, and, if applicable, dependent care. COA also includes miscellaneous and personal expenses and may include a reasonable allowance for documented computer costs. Costs related to a disability are also covered. The COA includes reasonable costs for eligible study-abroad programs.

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC):** The EFC is a measure of your family's financial strength and indicates how much of your and your family's resources (for dependent students) should be available to help pay for your education. The EFC is calculated from the information you report on the FAFSA and is calculated based on a formula established by law. Your family's income (taxable and untaxed), assets and benefits (for example, unemployment) are considered in determining your EFC. Your family size and the number of family members who will be attending a college or career school are also considered. Your EFC will appear on the Student Aid Report\* (SAR) you receive after you file your FAFSA. The following formula is used to determine a student's financial need:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ = \text{Financial Need} \end{array}$$

**Financial Aid Package:** The total amount of financial aid (federal and nonfederal) a student is offered by the college. It is intended to help you fill the gap between your ability to pay (EFC) and college costs (COA). It is based on your Financial Need (the difference between COA and EFC). Using available resources, the Student Financial Services Office will review and provide to each student the best possible aid package. Because funds are often limited, an aid package might fall short of a student's Financial Need. Also, the amount of federal student aid in a package is affected by other sources of aid received (scholarships, state aid, etc.).

**Net cost:** The net cost is the difference between the cost of attendance (COA) and the financial aid package. The net cost figure tells you how much money you will need to obtain from your own resources and non-need-based loans to pay the tuition bill. It is a measure of your cash flow requirements and should roughly correspond to the expected family contribution (EFC). Milligan's Student Financial Services Office is glad to discuss the specific eligibility requirements for payment plans and non-need based loans (PLUS and Alternative) to assist you in meeting your expected family contribution. See Section IX for more details.

**Student Aid Report (SAR):** Your Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizes all the information you provided on your FAFSA. Your SAR will contain your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is the basis used in determining your eligibility for federal student aid. Your EFC will appear in the upper right-hand portion of a paper or electronic SAR. Milligan uses the information from your SAR to determine if you're eligible for federal and other aid.

**Verification:** The federal government requires some students to verify the information reported on their FAFSA. Colleges are responsible for performing this verification and must do so before federal funds can be disbursed.

# V. Definitions of Programs and Disbursement Information What's What

## A. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

### Milligan Scholarships and Other Awards

Substantial merit and need-based academic and athletic scholarship aid is awarded annually to both incoming and currently enrolled students. Many of these scholarships have been made possible through contributions from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, businesses, foundations, corporations and friends of the college. These scholarships and other awards are determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or Student Financial Services and are credited directly to the student's account.

**Academic Scholarships:** Awards are based on the applicant's ACT/SAT and high school GPA (or previous college GPA for transfer applicants). Awards range from \$3,500 to \$12,000 and are given at either the Presidential, Academic Dean, or Alumni & Friends level (students are eligible for one level only and not a combination). Awards are made immediately following the student's admission to the college and will also appear on the Award Letter. For more information, contact your Admissions Counselor.

### Non-Milligan Assistance (NMA) and Outside Scholarships

These are scholarships awarded to the student by an outside source. These scholarships are credited directly to the student's account. Receipt of any outside scholarship may reduce the total award package per federal regulations. You are required to report outside scholarship awards to Student Financial Services. Report the annual amount of the scholarship on your award letter. If you are searching for private scholarships, be sure to use a reputable source (you should never have to pay for scholarship information—beware of scams). Reputable sources we recommend include [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com).

### Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program (TELS)

This is gift aid and does not require repayment. Only eligible Tennessee residents may receive scholarships through the TELS/HOPE Program. You may check with the state agency at [www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays) to review eligibility criteria. *Funds from this program will be credited to your student account in two equal disbursements during the academic year.*

A complete list of Milligan scholarships is available at [www.milligan.edu/SFS](http://www.milligan.edu/SFS).

## B. GRANTS

Grants are based on financial need and do not have to be repaid. All federal grant awards are contingent upon Congressional funding for 2012-13.

### Milligan College Grant

This is need-based gift aid determined primarily from financial need and awards are made on the basis of criteria established by the college. Awards range up to \$3,000 annually and *are credited directly to the student's account.*

### Federal Pell Grant

This is Federal gift aid and the eligibility for the award is determined by a formula consistently applied to all applicants which takes into account the cost of attending the institution and the student's part or full-time status. It is based on results of information submitted on the FAFSA. Annual awards currently range from \$555 to \$5,550. *One-half of your annual Federal Pell Grant award will be credited to your student account each semester.*

### Federal SEOG Grant (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)

This is Federal gift aid available to students with exceptional financial need. Priority is given to Pell Grant recipients. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,000 annually. *One-half of your annual Federal SEOG award will be credited to your student account each semester.*

### Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA)

Pell-eligible Tennessee residents may receive this grant. If you are not a Tennessee resident, you may check with the Higher Education Agency in your state to see if your state's tuition grant can be transferred to Tennessee. *TSAA Grant funds will be credited to your student account in two equal disbursements during the academic year.*

## C. LOANS

Loans must be repaid, with interest. Federal Loan programs listed in Section C are subject to change through legislative action at any time.

### Federal Perkins Loan

Federal Perkins Loans are need-based and must be repaid. This low interest (5%) loan requires you to begin repayment 9 months after you cease half-time enrollment status. No interest or repayment is required while the student is enrolled in at least half-time enrollment status. This loan requires that Entrance Loan Counseling be completed for all borrowers and Exit Loan Counseling for all borrowers who are graduating or not returning to Milligan. After signing a Federal Perkins Loan Master Promissory Note, *one-half of your annual Federal Perkins Loan award will be credited to your student account each semester.*

### Federal Direct Stafford Loans: Subsidized and Unsubsidized

Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans must be repaid. The Subsidized loans are need-based and the government pays the interest while the student is in college. The Unsubsidized loan is available to all students and the interest accrues while the student is in college. These loans require Entrance Loan Counseling for all first time borrowers and Exit Loan Counseling for all borrowers who are graduating, not returning to Milligan, or have dropped below at least a half-time enrollment status. *Stafford loans are disbursed in two equal disbursements for the academic year.* You will receive a letter notifying you of the amount of loan that has been credited to your account. This letter also allows you the opportunity to reduce and/or cancel your loan by notifying Student Financial Services in writing within 14 days of receiving the notification. Please refer to information regarding loan terms, interest, repayment and deferments listed in Section X of this booklet.



### Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) and Graduate Students

A Federal Direct PLUS Loan is a credit-based loan for parents of undergraduate students and for graduate students. It must be repaid. Graduate students may benefit from using the PLUS loan as opposed to an alternative loan because students may not qualify for an alternative loan based on credit history, or the interest rate may be higher than the 7.9% PLUS Loan interest rate. The Graduate PLUS Loan requires Entrance Counseling for all first-time borrowers and Exit Loan Counseling for all borrowers who are graduating, not returning to Milligan, or who have dropped below at least half-time enrollment status. If you need assistance in determining the amount to borrow, please contact Student Financial Services. If you borrow through the PLUS Loan Program, *your loan funds will be disbursed directly to the student's account in two equal disbursements for the academic year.*

## D. WORK PROGRAMS

### Federal Work Study

This program provides part-time jobs on-campus for students with financial need as established by the FAFSA. Students are paid the current federal minimum wage. The maximum amount a student may earn (award amount) depends on financial need and the amount of funding the College has for the program. The Student Financial Services Office determines monetary awards. The Personnel Director assigns positions. *Wages are paid bi-monthly based on hours worked and are paid directly to the student (they will not be credited to the student's account).*

### Milligan College Work Study

This program provides part-time jobs on-campus for students who do not qualify for the Federal Work Study Program. Students are paid the current federal minimum wage. The maximum amount a student may earn (award amount) depends on the amount of funding the college has for the program. The Student Financial Services Office determines monetary awards. The Personnel Director assigns positions. *Wages are paid bi-monthly based on hours worked and are paid directly to the student (they will not be credited to the student's account).*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Milligan's tuition is surprisingly affordable compared with other private colleges across the country. Milligan's published cost of attendance is far below the national average for similar private institutions

# VI. Loans

## A. ENTRANCE LOAN COUNSELING (new students and transfers)

If your financial aid package includes a Federal Perkins Loan or Federal Direct Stafford Loan, you are **required** to complete Entrance Loan Counseling before funds can be disbursed. The session allows you to review loan information and answer questions which demonstrate that you understand your rights and responsibilities as a borrower. Since each loan has different requirements, you must complete the session associated with your loan award, or both sessions if your financial aid package includes both the Perkins and Stafford (Subsidized or Unsubsidized) loans.

To complete Entrance Loan Counseling:

1. Go to our website at [www.milligan.edu/sfs/loans](http://www.milligan.edu/sfs/loans)
2. Choose **Perkins** for Perkins Entrance Loan Counseling or **Stafford** for Stafford Entrance Loan Counseling.
3. For **Perkins** Loan Entrance Counseling, click on I Agree after reviewing the Perkins Entrance Counseling instructions.
4. For **Stafford** Entrance Counseling, Sign In by entering requested information, including PIN (the number used to file FAFSA)
5. **Complete** the online entrance loan counseling and **submit** it online.
6. **Print** the confirmation page for your records.
7. Milligan College will be **advised** electronically when you have completed this information.

## B. DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN: MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE

**New Student Loan Borrowers:** You must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for your Direct Stafford Loans for the 2012-13 school year. The MPN will be valid for 10 years. Federal Direct Stafford Loan funds will not be disbursed unless a valid MPN is on file and Milligan College has originated your loan with the Department of Education. In order for Milligan College to request your funds, you must have completed the MPN, entrance loan counseling, and be registered for the next semester.

If your computer is not compatible with this process, or you need a paper MPN for another reason, contact our office. If you do not complete and submit your MPN online, please return your completed MPN to Student Financial Services.

If you are a new Federal Direct Stafford Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loan Borrower:

1. Go to our website at [www.milligan.edu/sfs/loans](http://www.milligan.edu/sfs/loans)
2. Choose Master Promissory Note and **Sign In** by entering requested information, including PIN (the number used to file FAFSA)
3. Complete the Master Promissory Note and submit it online. You should receive a confirmation online indicating that the MPN has been successfully completed.
4. Complete Entrance Loan Counseling for Federal Direct Stafford Loan borrowers (see part A of this section).

### DID YOU KNOW?

The value of a college education as a credential for future employment and earnings is expected to rise. About 90 percent of the fastest growing jobs in the new knowledge-driven market economy require some college education.

## C. PERKINS LOAN

If you **previously borrowed** Perkins, you may be required to complete a new Master Promissory Note (MPN) after accepting your Perkins award on the award letter. The college will send you the Perkins MPN for signing.

All **new** Federal Perkins Loan borrowers (students who have not borrowed a Federal Perkins Loan at Milligan College) must complete *Federal Perkins Loan Entrance Counseling* (see part A of this section). Once Milligan receives your **signed award letter** and **electronic notification** that you have completed your online Perkins Entrance Loan Counseling, the college will send you the Perkins Master Promissory Note (MPN) for signing. In order to disburse your Perkins loan funds, the signed MPN must be received by Student Financial Services.



# VII. Tennessee Residents

## A. TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TELS/HOPE Scholarships)

This category of scholarships is funded by lottery revenues and administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC). These awards consist of the HOPE Scholarship, HOPE with General Assembly Merit Scholarship, and the Hope with Aspire Award. The scholarship provides you with greater access and choice of educational institutions, and is a contract between the state and the student, not the college. As with any award, you always have the right to accept or decline the scholarship. However, Milligan College assumes you wish to accept the scholarship unless you decline it on the award letter or send a written statement to Student Financial Services.

Since your HOPE award is subject to the availability of lottery funds and must be requested electronically by the institution and your eligibility confirmed after you enroll, it is indicated on your award letter as a tentative award until it has been confirmed by the state. Please note that there are state requirements for maintaining the scholarship, and the college will not be able to provide funding to replace HOPE funds which are lost. If you have questions, please contact our office or contact TSAC at [www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays) or 800.342.1663.

## B. TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD (TSAA)

Pell-eligible Tennessee residents may receive this grant. If you have received notification from the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) that you are receiving this grant, and your award letter does not include the TSAA award, you may not have indicated Milligan College as your first school of choice on the FAFSA. TSAC sends notification of this award only to the first Tennessee school that is listed on the FAFSA. For more information, or to change the name of the school to receive the TSAA Grant, contact TSAC at [www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays) or call 800.342.1663.



# VIII. Student Account Payment Policy

Tuition, fees, and all other costs for the semester are **due and payable no later than registration day each semester**. The most convenient way to make a payment is to use your online payment feature, which can be accessed through our student information portal, Self Service, found at [www.milligan.edu/login](http://www.milligan.edu/login). You are not required to pre-pay any portion of the bill that will be covered by federal, state, institutional, outside scholarship awards or additional financing options you put in place to cover your charges, unless you become ineligible for the awards or the outside scholarships are not received. Work study wages are earned by the student and are paid bi-monthly to the student.

Students will receive a statement and may pay their student account using cash, money orders, personal checks, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express. The most convenient way to make a payment is to use our online payment feature which can be accessed through our student information portal, Self Service, at [www.milligan.edu/login](http://www.milligan.edu/login).

To enable financial aid to cover your student account, all financial processes should be completed no later than registration day. This includes completion of on-line entrance interviews for loans, on-line signature of MPN's (Master Promissory Notes), award letters signed and returned, and any documentation required for verification returned to the Student Financial Services Office.

# IX. Additional Financing Options

If your financial aid package does not cover all of your expenses, you may use one or a combination of the following options to finance your education. We have included information and comparison data for the PLUS (dependent undergraduate students and graduate students) and the alternative loan.

## A. TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

Milligan College offers an interest free payment plan for those students and families who wish to pay educational expenses in monthly installments. The payment plan may be used over a period of 7 to 10 months, with the final payment due in April each year. The annual enrollment fee for the plan is \$65. To enroll in the payment plan now, go to [www.milligan.edu/login](http://www.milligan.edu/login) and choose Self Service. After you log in, select Finances/View Your Account/Enroll in Installment Payment Plan. If you need assistance in determining the amount to put on a payment plan, contact Student Financial Services at 800.447.4880 or email [SFS@milligan.edu](mailto:SFS@milligan.edu).

## B. FEDERAL PARENT PLUS AND GRADUATE PLUS BORROWERS

Low interest parent loan program for dependent students which is not need-based. Graduate students are also eligible to borrow through the Graduate PLUS Loan. The interest rate is 7.9%. This loan may be less expensive than the alternative loan program depending on the credit rating of the borrower. Repayment generally begins within 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed. The annual amount available is total cost of education minus total financial aid. Contact Student Financial Services if you need assistance in determining the amount you need to borrow.

### APPLICATION PROCESS - FEDERAL PARENT PLUS

1. The parent borrower or graduate student borrower must complete and submit the Milligan College Federal PLUS Loan Request Form (enclosed) to Student Financial Services. You must submit a PLUS Loan Request Form each year you apply and if you are requesting an increase during the year. Along with the FAFSA, this is the parent's or graduate student's Federal PLUS Loan application for Milligan College.
2. **Go to [www.milligan.edu/SFS/loans](http://www.milligan.edu/SFS/loans)**
3. **Choose PLUS Loan Request Process (after June 15)**
4. **Sign In** by entering requested information, including PIN (the number used to file FAFSA)
  - Go to Request a PLUS Loan
  - Choose Complete Master Promissory Note

## APPLICATION PROCESS - NEW GRADUATE PLUS LOAN BORROWERS

1. Go to [www.milligan.edu/SFS/loans](http://www.milligan.edu/SFS/loans)
2. Choose Graduate PLUS Loan Entrance Counseling
3. Sign In by entering requested information, including PIN (the number used to file FAFSA)
4. Choose Complete Entrance Loan Counseling
5. Complete the online entrance loan counseling and submit it online
6. Print the confirmation page for your records. Milligan College will be advised electronically when you have completed this information

### C. ALTERNATIVE LOAN

Educational loan borrowed by students to supplement federal/institutional financing. Allows deferred repayment and the interest rate is based on your credit rating or the credit rating of your co-borrower. A credit-worthy co-borrower is required to obtain the loan. Contact Student Financial Services if you need assistance in determining the amount you need to borrow or if you have questions.

A listing of lenders that Milligan College students have utilized over the last 3 years is available at [www.milligan.edu/sfs](http://www.milligan.edu/sfs) and in the Student Financial Services Office. If your lender is not listed, please contact the Student Financial Service Office for further instructions regarding the loan process. The Student Financial Services Office will process your loan quickly and accurately regardless of the lender you choose.

**A credit-approved student borrower must submit a completed Self-Certification Form to their lender before the lender will request school certification of the alternative loan.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the Milligan College Alternative Loan Request Form (orange) and submit it to Student Financial Services. (Preapproval notification must be submitted to the Student Financial Services Office no later than registration day.)
2. Complete your Alternative Loan Application and Promissory Note using the instructions below:
  - Go to [www.milligan.edu/SFS/loans](http://www.milligan.edu/SFS/loans)
  - Locate **Alternative Loans**
  - Choose your Alternative Loan Lender.
  - Complete the **Application and Promissory Note** and submit it online. You should receive a confirmation online indicating that it has been successfully submitted.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly half of all undergraduates or their parents had their taxes reduced by an average of \$600 by claiming education tax benefits under the Hope and/or Lifetime Learning tax credits.

# X. Loan Comparison Chart

Stafford, Federal Parent PLUS, and alternative/private loans help families finance a college education by bridging the gap between a student's financial aid package and the remaining cost of education. Before choosing a loan product, parents and students should carefully weigh the costs and benefits of each. The table below will help you compare various aspects of these loan programs. Sample repayment charts are available online at [www.milligan.edu/SFS](http://www.milligan.edu/SFS).

	<b>Federal Direct Stafford: Subsidized</b>	<b>Federal Direct Stafford: Unsubsidized</b>	<b>PLUS</b>	<b>Private/Alternative</b>
<b>Interest Rate</b>	6.8% fixed rate	6.8% fixed rate	7.9% fixed rate	Variable interest rate with no cap and subject to change as often as monthly. Current rates can range from 6.25% to 14% or higher.
<b>Interest Accrual</b>	Interest payments will be deferred while you are in school, enrolled at least half-time.	Interest is the responsibility of the student from the date of disbursement.	Unpaid interest is capitalized at repayment.	Accrued interest may be capitalized as often as monthly.
<b>Borrower</b>	Undergraduate students.	Undergraduate and graduate students; does not require students to demonstrate financial need.	Parent or stepparent of dependent, undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half time.	Student; however, a creditworthy co-borrower is often required and responsible for any outstanding debt. Enrollment may be less than half-time.
<b>Loan Limits</b>	<p><b>Annual Base:</b>            \$3,500: First-year (0-25 hrs)            \$4,500: Second-year (26-57 hrs)            \$5,500: Other Undergraduates (58+ hrs)</p> <p><b>The base Stafford awards for Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans are NOT combined. The type of loan for which you are eligible is determined based on your financial need.</b></p> <p><b>AGGREGATE:</b>  <b>Undergraduates:</b>            \$31,000: Dependent Undergrads            \$57,500: Independent Undergrads            \$23,000: Maximum Subsidized  <b>Graduate or Professional:</b>            \$138,500: Graduate or Professional Students            \$65,500: Maximum Subsidized</p>	<p><b>Annual Base:</b>  <i>Dependent or Independent</i>            \$3,500: First-year (0-25 hrs)            \$4,500: Second-year (26-57 hrs)            \$5,500: Other Undergrads (58+ hr)  <i>Dependent Additional Eligibility</i>            \$2,000 per year  <i>Independent Additional Eligibility</i>            \$6,000: First-year (0-25 hrs)            \$6,000: Second-year (26-57 hrs)            \$7,000: Other Undergrads (58+ hrs)            \$20,500: Graduate</p>	Up to the cost of education minus other financial aid received. No aggregate loan limits.	Up to the cost of education minus other financial aid received. Limits also depend on maximums established by private lender. Borrower's and co-borrower's credit may also affect the limit.
<b>Credit Requirements</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Based on federal standards. No debt to income ratios or credit scoring used. If parent is denied, student can apply for Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.	Most lenders review debt to income ratios and credit scores. A minimum income amount is also usually required.
<b>Death/Disability</b>	Loan will be discharged upon death of student.	Loan will be discharged upon death of student.	Can be discharged upon death of parent borrower or student. Loan can also be discharged if a parent borrower becomes permanently disabled.	Check with lender regarding death or disability discharge.
<b>Deferment/Forbearance Options</b>	Both principal and interest payments will be deferred while you are in school, enrolled at least half-time.	Both principal and interest payments can be deferred while you are in school, enrolled at least half-time. Interest can be paid or capitalized (added to the principal by your lender) at your request.	Various flexible options available. Interest-only payments or full deferment of payments may be available while student is enrolled at least half-time.	Deferment options may be available but vary widely and are generally less flexible than PLUS loan deferments. Consolidation loans are available but at a variable rate.
<b>Repayment Options</b>	Begins 6 months after you graduate or fall below half-time status. Minimum monthly payment is \$50 per month. Maximum loan repayment is 10 years.	Begins 6 months after you graduate or fall below half-time status. Minimum monthly payment is \$50 per month. Maximum loan repayment is 10 years.	Begins within 60 days of final disbursement. Maximum term is 10 to 25 years depending on the amount borrowed. However, many lenders offer deferment while student is enrolled at least half-time	Often begins within 45 days of disbursement. Most lenders offer interest-only payment options and some offer full payment deferment during enrollment.

# VALUE

A Milligan education is one of the wisest investments you'll make. While it can represent a significant financial investment, it also influences who we become — our philosophy, values, intellectual and emotional preparedness for careers, long-term friendships and a commitment to serve. That's why we strive to assure it's a sound investment in all ways.



## FINANCIAL VALUE

Milligan is committed to keeping college affordable for our students. Our tuition and fees are surprisingly affordable compared with other private colleges across the country. Milligan's published cost of attendance is far below the national average for similar private institutions.

More than 90 percent of Milligan students receive some form of merit and/or need-based financial aid, and in many cases the assistance is substantial. And we offer a significantly higher commitment to college-funded aid than many institutions. Each year Milligan invests over \$9 million of our annual budget directly back into our students through institutional scholarships and grants. Financial assistance is available to eligible students in the form of federal, state and institutional aid.

## THE GAP

Tuition actually covers only a portion of the true cost of education at Milligan. Each year thousands of alumni, friends, and even our own faculty and staff “stand in the gap” to make up the difference between student tuition and the actual cost of attendance for our students. Without this support, the cost of attending Milligan College would be significantly higher. Their gifts help the college hold tuition increases to a minimum while building scholarship funding, enhancing academic excellence, adding new programs, and making significant campus improvements.

## ALUMNI & STUDENT SUCCESS

Milligan maintains one of the highest alumni-giving percentages among colleges and universities throughout the United States. Increased giving to capital improvements, academic and student programming, and a growing endowment reflects the confidence of alumni and friends in the mission and vision of Milligan College.

## QUALITY RECOGNITION

Milligan College routinely looks to benchmark surveys and outside sources to confirm that we are truly delivering a quality education. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) consistently shows that Milligan students are more engaged and have more evidence of student-faculty interaction than at most colleges in the U.S. Furthermore, Milligan continues to be named in *U.S. News & World Report's* “America's Best Colleges” issue among Southern colleges and universities. Most importantly, the college frequently receives accolades from alumni far and wide who report that their Milligan education is serving them well.



### STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

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