

## Stafford Annual and Aggregate Loan Limits Revised According to the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005

<b>Federal Stafford Annual Loan Maximums<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>DEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Subsidized</b>	<b>Total (subsidized and unsubsidized)<sup>3</sup></b>
First Year	<del>\$2,625</del> \$3,500	<del>\$2,625</del> \$3,500
Second Year	<del>\$3,500</del> \$4,500	<del>\$3,500</del> \$4,500
Third Year and Beyond	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Federal Stafford Aggregate Loan Maximums<sup>3</sup></b>		
<b>DEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES</b>	\$23,000	\$23,000

<b>Federal Stafford Annual Loan Maximums<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>INDEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES (and dependents whose parents are unable to borrow under the PLUS program)</b>	<b>Subsidized</b>	<b>Unsubsidized</b>	<b>Total</b>
First Year	<del>\$2,625</del> \$3,500	\$4,000	<del>\$6,625</del> \$7,500
Second Year	<del>\$3,500</del> \$4,500	\$4,000	<del>\$7,500</del> \$8,500
Third Year and Beyond	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$10,500
<b>Students who have Baccalaureates and are enrolled in professional or degree-granting programs<sup>4</sup></b>	\$5,500	<del>\$5,000</del> \$7,000	<del>\$10,500</del> \$12,500
<b>Students who have Baccalaureates and are enrolled in teacher certification programs<sup>4</sup></b>	\$5,500	<del>\$5,000</del> \$7,000	<del>\$10,500</del> \$12,500
<b>GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS</b>	\$8,500	<del>\$10,000</del> \$12,000	<del>\$18,500</del> \$20,500
<b>Federal Stafford Aggregate Loan Maximums<sup>3</sup></b>			
<b>INDEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES (and dependents whose parents are unable to borrow under the PLUS program)</b>	\$23,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
<b>GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS</b>	\$65,500	138,500	\$138,500
<b>Students who have Baccalaureates and are enrolled in professional or degree-granting programs</b>	\$65,500	138,500	\$138,500
<b>Students who have Baccalaureates and are enrolled in teacher certification programs</b>	\$65,500	138,500	\$138,500

<sup>1</sup> Certain health professions may qualify for higher limits.

<sup>2</sup> All undergraduate annual loan limits are subject to proration.

<sup>3</sup> If the borrower does not have financial need for a subsidized Federal Stafford Loan using expected family contribution (EFC), or has reached the aggregate limit in subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, the borrower may receive up to and including this entire amount in unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans assuming he or she has remaining eligibility for the loan.

<sup>4</sup> For more information on these two current types of borrowing categories see the 2005 *Common Manual* 6.11.A, page 16, column 1, bullet 3 and column 2, bullet 1.

**Notes:**

Changes resulting from the Act are highlighted in yellow.

This analysis is based on a literal read of the Higher Education Act (HEA) law changes made by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005, which is Title VIII of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The Reconciliation Act changes are subject to interpretation by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) through FFELP regulations.

## PLUS Annual and Aggregate Loan Limits

### Revised According to the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005

<b>Federal PLUS Annual Loan Maximums</b>	
<b>Graduate and Professional Students</b>	COA minus other financial aid
<b>Parent borrowers</b>	COA minus other financial aid
<b>Federal PLUS Aggregate Loan Maximums</b>	
<b>Graduate and Professional Students</b>	none for PLUS
<b>Parent borrowers</b>	none

\*Note: A Graduate and Professional Student is still subject to the applicable annual and aggregate loan limits for any Stafford loans borrowed.

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