

Private Loan Application Process

The Department of Education along with the Federal Reserve, has implemented new rules and regulations that will impact students who choose to borrow using private educational loans. All private lenders must be in compliance with these new regulations no later than February 14, 2010. Each lender may handle the private loan application differently.

Below are the steps that will generally be followed for the private loan process:

- The student completes the private loan application. This loan application may be available on line using a particular lender's website.
- Once the application is completed the lender will send the loan applicant an Application Disclosure Form. This may be a part of the application process and will be delivered by email or the US Post Office.
- A self-certification form available on our website may be incorporated into the application process, mailed to applicant through the US Post Office or emailed to the applicant. <http://ifap.ed.gov/dpccletters/attachments/GEN1001A-AppSelfCert.pdf>.

This form will request the cost of attendance as well as the estimated financial aid assistance. The information needed to complete this document can be located on Goucher's financial aid student tracking system (FASTS) www.Goucher.edu/FASTS.

This form must be printed, signed by the loan applicant, and either mailed or faxed to the lender. The loan process will not continue until this form is completed and returned to the lender.

- Once the form is received by lender, the lender will send the borrower (usually the student) an Approval Disclosure Form. This may be emailed or mailed to the borrower. The borrower must accept the loan within 30 days (or the time frame set by the lender) or the process begins again.
- A school certification request will be sent by your lender to the school. If we are unable to process the certification request, the student will be contacted through his/her Goucher email address.

Once this process is completed, and the lender is in receipt of the school's certification form, the borrower will receive a Final Disclosure Form. Lenders are required to wait six business days from the date the Final Disclosure Form is mailed before loan funds can be sent to the school.