# Second Look Weekend: Financial Aid

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#### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS

# **Step 1: Completing the FAFSA**

WHY complete it? - Determines Federal Funding eligibility

- To Complete FAFSA: <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u>
- Deadline: 2 weeks after acceptance
- School Code: 001402 OR search by typing: Quinnipiac University





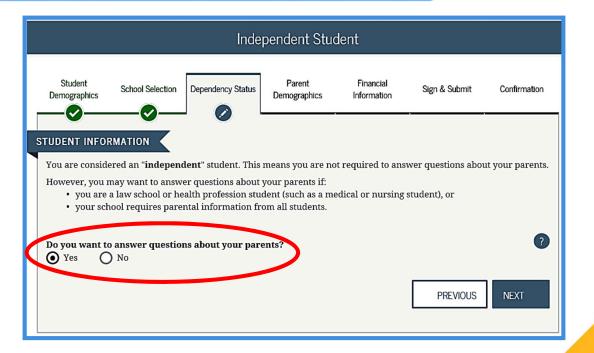


#### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS

# **Step 2: Completing Parental Section on FAFSA**

WHY complete it? - Determines Institutional Funding eligibility

Parent information required to distribute need-based aid equitably





# **Institutional Funding and Timeline**



## Institutional Funding Based on:

- Need
- Merit
- Academics



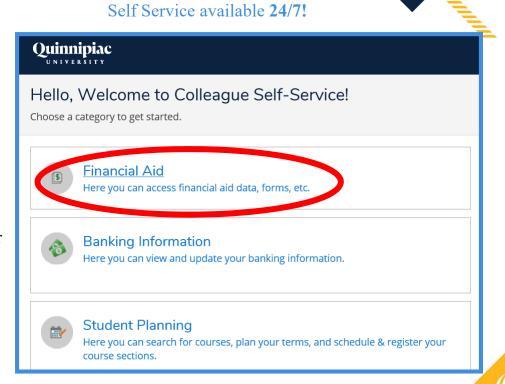
## Timeline:

- Financial Aid deadline 2 weeks after acceptance
- Award letters issued by end of April



# **Accepting Your Awards**

- E-mail will be sent with link to Self-Service
- Self-Service Web Link: https://selfservice.quinnipiac.edu/Student/
- Use Self-Service to view electronic award letter
- Click "Submit" once awards are accepted



#### **SELF-SERVICE**

## **Award Checklist**





- View your 2019/20 Award Checklist directly on Self-Service after clicking on Financial Aid link
- Review and complete ALL of the required financial aid steps to complete Financial Aid process



# Managing your Money while in Medical School

## **Some Benefits of Budgeting:**

- Maintain better control of spending
- Cover all essential expenses before making optional purchases.
- Prepare for unexpected expenses by building an emergency fund.





# **Cost of Attendance**

2019-20 Full-Time Budget, Year One		
	Off-Campus Budget	Parents Home Budget
Tuition:	\$59,240	\$59,240
Fees:	\$1,370	\$1,370
Living allowance:	\$18,628	\$12,346
Transportation:	\$3,897	\$2,611
Loan fees:	\$499	\$499
Total:	\$83,584	\$76,016

<sup>\*</sup>Health Insurance can be added to budget





# **Cost of Attendance Equation**



• The Following Example is Based on the: "Off Campus Budget":

COA(\$83,584.00) – Financial Aid (Internal/External)= X

X - Direct Loan (max \$42,722.00)=

The Maximum you can borrow on a Direct Plus Loan, Private Loan, Etc.

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Therefore: \$83,584.00 - \$42,722.00 ( If no Internal/External Aid) =\$40,862.00

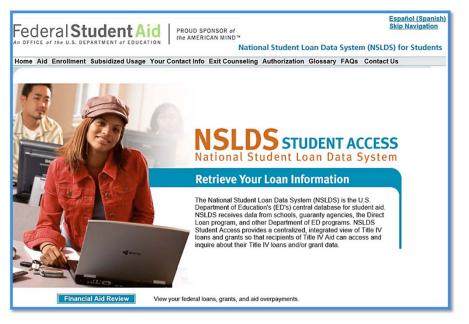






### Student's interested in applying for Federal Loans:

www.studentloans.gov



## What is a Direct Unsubsidized Loan?

- A federal fixed-rate loan for students who enroll at least half-time.
- Check Federal student loans at:

<u>www.nslds.ed.gov</u>
(National Student Loan Data System)

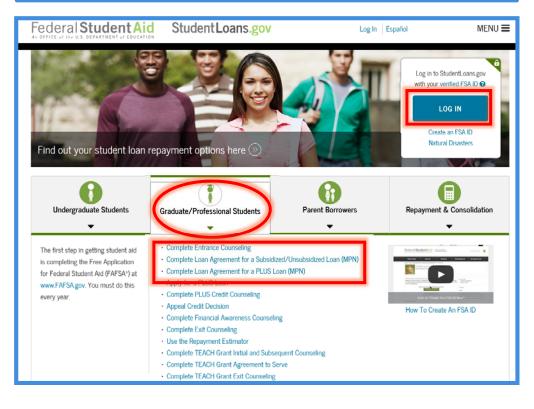
## **How is Eligibility Determined?**

• Eligibility determined by FAFSA completion.



# **MPN** and Entrance Counseling

Complete Entrance Counseling and MPN at www.studentloans.gov





- What is Entrance Counseling?
- An interactive online resource that helps students understand the responsibilities and obligations of borrowing Federal Student Loans.
- What is the MPN (Master Promissory Note)?
- Legally binding contract between you and the Department of Education regarding your rights and responsibilities as a Federal Student Loan Borrower.

\*Federal student loans will not disburse until these two items are complete.



# Federal Direct Plus Loan vs. Private Alternative Loans

## "Research and Then Decide":

Before making a decision, research and compare program features, including:

- Loan terms
- Interest Rates (Grad PLUS 7.595% until June 30th)
- Origination Fees (Grad PLUS 4.248% until Sept 30th)
- Conditions.





Association of American Medical College:

#### Federal vs. Private Education Loans

More so than ever before, both federal and private loans are viable options for financing an education, but it is important for the funding source to be one that best complements the student's expected career path and financial goals. Medical students face a unique situation with their long enrollment periods followed by additional years of training post-graduation. For this reason, careful consideration should be given when choosing a funding source for medical school.

#### Research and Then Decide

Each loan type has its own advantages and disadvantages. To fully understand the value of each program, you must compare the specific features, including loan terms, interest rates, origination fees, conditions. Do your homework and equip yourself with the knowledge to make an educated decision about the loan product that is right for you.

#### Benefits of Federal Education Loans

- Numerous repayment plans exist, including some based on the household's income.
- Ability to change from one repayment plan to another (as the borrower's goals/situation change).
- Opportunity to obtain Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF), 20-year Pay As You Earn forgiveness, or 25-year IBR forgiveness.
- Postponement of payments during residency and fellowship using grace, deferment, or forbearance are available.
- Eligible for consolidation through the Direct Consolidation Loan program.
- A student who is not in default and has not exceeded cumulative loan limits can borrow (if eligible) a Federal Perkins Loan and/or a Direct Stafford Loan, regardless of credit history. (A Direct PLUS Loan will require a credit check. If the loan is denied, an endorser with good credit may be added to the loan application to qualific).
- Availability of fixed interest rates that will not rise (or

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#### Before Borrowing a Private Student Loan, Consider The Following

- Most private loan programs offer variable interest rates, although more fixed rate options have become available recently.
- Variable rates may be low, but they can rise or fall as the rate indexes on which they are based change.
- Loan rates are based on the borrower's credit worthiness, although a co-borrower may help secure a better rate. (Co-borrower's credit needs and the length of the co-borrower's obligation should be considered carefully before committing to the loan). Interest rate indexes can be compared at www.bunkrate.com.
- Repayment may or may not be required while in school, residency, or fellowship.
- Many times, repayment, deferment, forbearance, grace, and loan forgiveness options are limited, in comparison to federal loan options.
- Death and/or disability loan discharge may or may not be available.

#### A private loan may make sense if ...

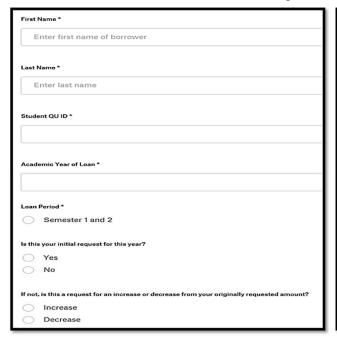
- The borrower is ineligible for federal student aid.
   The rate of the private debt is lower than the federal student aid.
- The rate of the private debt is lower than the federal debt, and if it is expected to remain lower for the length of repayment.
- A borrower's certainty of a significant income in the near future that will allow for an aggressive and short repayment term of a variable rate.

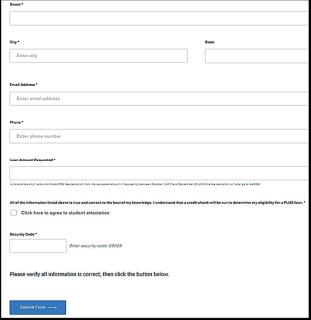
View all fact sheets at www.aamc.org/first/factsheets 04/2013



# **Federal Direct PLUS Loan**

www.qu.edu/med/gradplus







## **Requirements:**

- Complete FAFSA
- Must have utilized annual Federal Direct Loan maximum before consideration.
- Approval based on credit criteria.

#### **Key information:**

- •Interest the current interest rate is fixed at 7.595 percent for loans disbursed between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.
- •Fees Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans are subject to fees of 4.248 percent.
- •Loan fees are deducted from loan proceeds prior to the disbursement of funds and borrowers are responsible for repayment of all such fees.



## The Bursar's Office and Student Refunds



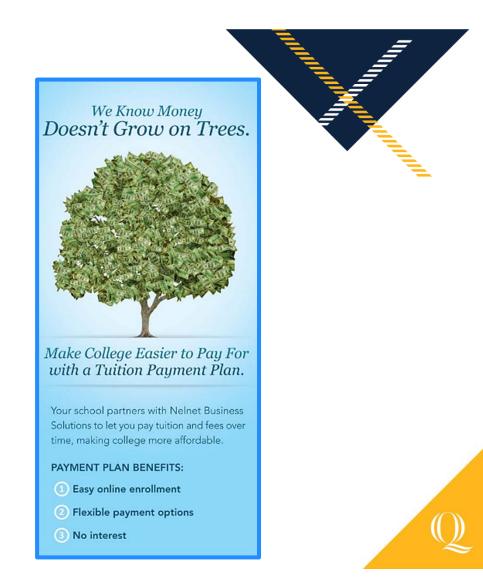
- The Bursar's Office: manages cashiering, billing, collection, student account services and refund notifications.
- Students Can:
- pay bills
- enroll in direct deposit for refunds
- obtain payment plan information
- seek clarification related to QU charges from the Bursar staff.

- Federal Direct and Graduate PLUS Loans are credited to student accounts in two equal disbursements.
- Disbursements and student refunds will be processed at the start of school and will be available within 14 business days.
- Students are encouraged to sign up for direct deposit to assist in expediting the process of receiving funds.

THE BURSAR'S OFFICE

# **Billing**

- Student invoices available on Web Advisor May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Fall 2019 Payments due July 19th
- 10 month payment plans available for \$75



#### SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FINANCIAL AID BROCHURE

# Guide to Financing Your Medical Education



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## Introduction to the World of Credit



\*\*\*Check your credit report annually: www.annualcreditreport.com

# Tips to Manage Credit Wisely:

- Pay bills on time.
- Don't "max out"
   your credit card(s).



## Impact of Bad Credit:

 Failure to qualify for purchases:

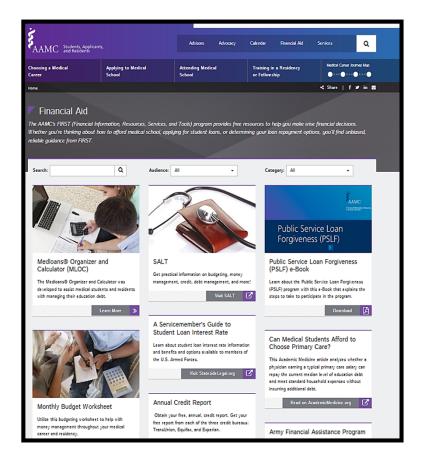
i.e. -home, car, etc.

- Loss of job opportunities if employer conducts credit check.
- Difficulty renting apartment.



#### **AAMC FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

## **AAMC** and FIRST





- FIRST Includes:
- 1. Financial Information -

Monthly Payment estimator

2. Resources -

Podcasts/Publications

3. Services -

Webinars/Debt Management Workshops

4. Tools -

**Online Calculator** 

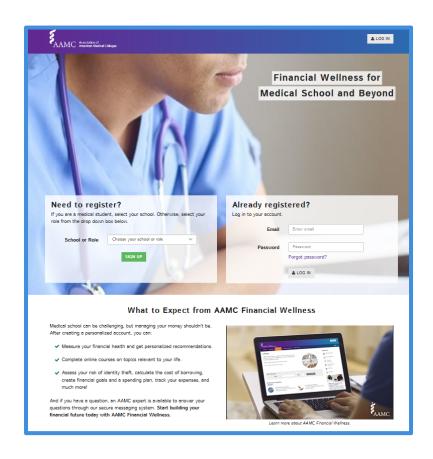
\*For more information visit:

www.aamc.org/first



#### **AAMC FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

# **AAMC Financial Wellness**





## For more information visit:

https://aamcfinancialwellness.com/index.cfm







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