

Loan Information

Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan Borrowers:

- Must complete the FAFSA form to begin the application process.
- For loans disbursed after July 1, 2017, the interest rate is 4.45% fixed for Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans.
- Must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) to be eligible for the loan.
- All Federal Student loans are processed through the U.S. Department of Education—Direct Loan Program.
- Principal payments are not required until 6 months after the student graduates or drops below a half-time status in college.
- There is a difference between Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford loans. You must pay interest from the date of disbursement on Unsubsidized Stafford loans. Interest on Subsidized Stafford loans begins when the student graduates or stops attending college at least half-time.
- All first-time Stafford Loan borrowers at State Tech must complete entrance counseling before funds will be released. Students may complete this on-line at www.studentloans.gov.
- First time borrowers will need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN). Students may complete this on-line at www.studentloans.gov.
- Students will need their FSA username and password to be able to complete the Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN).
- Loan disbursements are sent to the school in installments. Student loan funds will not be credited to the student's State Tech account until the 31st day of the semester.
- Students must reapply each academic year.
- All Stafford loan borrowers must complete exit counseling prior to leaving State Tech.

Parent Loan Borrowers:

- All PLUS borrowers will need to apply for the PLUS loan with the U.S. Department of Education- Direct Loan Program. The U.S. Department of Education will complete a credit check. PLUS loan on-line application is available at www.studentloans.gov
- Current interest Rate on PLUS loan is 7.0% fixed.
- The student of the PLUS loan borrower must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) to be eligible for the loan.
- Repayment on a PLUS loan begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed. Parents will have to make payments on this loan while the student is still in school. Parents may discuss deferment options with their loan servicer. (Loan servicers are assigned by the U.S. Department of Education.)
- PLUS loan borrowers must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) before loan monies will be disbursed.
- Loan disbursements are sent to the school in installments. PLUS loan funds will not be credited to the student's State Tech account until the 31st day of the semester. Any

remaining amount not needed to pay the student's account balance, will be refunded to the PLUS loan borrower.

- PLUS credit approval and denials remain good for up to 6 months. PLUS borrowers will have to reapply for a new PLUS loan each academic year.

Alternative Loan Borrowers

- You must be a full-time student (enrolled in 12 or more credit hours).
- You must be an eligible degree-seeking student enrolled in classes at State Tech before your loan will be processed.
- You are responsible for applying for the loan with a lender. The lender is responsible for performing the credit check and approving or denying your loan.
- Your interest rate will be determined by the lender based on your credit rating.
- If a lender approves your credit for an alternative loan, you must meet with a financial aid representative before your loan will be processed.
- You must apply for all federal aid prior to an alternative loan being processed for you.
- You must be a student in good standing to remain eligible for any alternative loan.
- You are not eligible for an alternative loan if you are on academic or financial aid probation.
- Money received from an alternative loan must be used for educational related expenses only.
- Loan disbursements are sent to the school in installments. Student loan funds will not be credited to the student's State Tech account until the 31st day of the semester.
- No alternative loan will be processed 30 days prior to the end of the semester.
- STC has the right to refuse to certify any alternative loan application.

State Tech has few Alternative Loans per year. Lenders that our students have used in the past three years, in no particular order, are:

Lender Name	Phone Number	Website
LendKey	888-549-9050	www.LendKey.com
MOFELP Loan (MOHELA)	800-809-0964	www.mohela.com/DL/resourceCenter/AdditionalResources.aspx
PNC Bank/Campus Door	877-793-9793	www.campusdoor.com/Sites/PNC
Sallie Mae	800-472-5543	www.salliemae.com/student-loans
Wells Fargo	800-378-5526	www.wellsfargo.com/student/loans/

State Tech does not endorse any of the above lenders. Make sure to compare interest rates, terms, and fees when deciding to apply for an alternative loan.