









## 2008-2009 Stafford Loan Lender List

For more information about Stafford loans and how to apply, read instructions on reverse!

\*Benefits listed below refer to loans that will be guaranteed on or after July 1, 2008.

*Due to recent legislation, Key features & Benefits are changing. Please review lender website for updates.*

Lender	Lender Code	Default Fee	Origination Fee	*Key Features & Benefits
 Five Star Service Guaranteed 800.242.1200 <a href="http://www.usbank.com">www.usbank.com</a>	821654	1%	1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1% credit of the original principal balance after the first 12 consecutive on time payments</li> <li>✓ .25% interest rate reduction with auto debit</li> <li>✓ Borrower's loans are serviced by Great Lakes</li> <li>✓ Combined billing of U.S. Bank federal and private loans</li> <li>✓ Loans are not sold</li> </ul>
 800.658.3567 <a href="http://www.wellsfargo.com/student">www.wellsfargo.com/student</a>	807176	1%	1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Borrowers' loans are serviced by Wells Fargo through repayment</li> <li>✓ Combined billing of private and federal loans</li> </ul>
 800.967.2400 <a href="http://www.studentloan.com">www.studentloan.com</a>	826878	1%	1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ .50% interest rate reduction granted at repayment</li> <li>✓ .25% interest rate reduction with auto debit</li> <li>✓ Borrowers' loans are serviced by Citibank through repayment</li> <li>✓ Combined billing of private and federal loans</li> <li>✓ Loans are not sold</li> </ul>
 <a href="http://www.associatedbank.com">www.associatedbank.com</a> 1-800-789-6765	830492	1%	1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ .25% interest rate reduction for choosing auto-pay.</li> <li>✓ Loans are not sold</li> </ul>
 800.487.4404 <a href="http://www.ChaseStudentLoans.com">www.ChaseStudentLoans.com</a>	808956	1%	1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Loans are serviced at Great Lakes</li> <li>✓ Combined billing of private and federal loans</li> <li>✓ .25% interest rate reduction upon auto-debit</li> </ul>
 <a href="http://www.mygreatlakes.org">www.mygreatlakes.org</a> 800-366-0032	870005	1%	1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ .25% interest rate reduction with auto-debit</li> </ul>



## **FIRST TIME STAFFORD LOAN BORROWERS**

When the student files a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the student enrolls at least half time, the student becomes eligible for a Stafford loan (freshmen \$5500, sophomores \$6500, juniors-seniors \$7500). Interest on these loans is 6.0% fixed on subsidized loans and 6.8% fixed on unsubsidized loans and they do not require a credit check. Depending on the financial need determined by the FAFSA, a student is awarded either a Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. A subsidized Stafford loan has the government paying the interest while the student goes to school while an unsubsidized loan has the interest either accrue and be added on to the principal after the student graduates or the student can choose to pay the interest on a monthly basis. Lenders may charge up to a 3% lender fee and the guarantor may charge a 1% default fee. The student does not have to pay the loan back until he/she graduates, drops under half time per semester, or quits school. The student has a six month grace period before beginning a ten year repayment period. If the student is a first time Stafford Loan borrower, there are two steps the student must complete prior to receiving the student's loan funds from the lender: (1) complete a Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling session (2) complete a Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN). You can complete these documents electronically at:

<http://www.carthage.edu/finaid>

Alternatively, there are paper Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Notes (MPN) available in the Financial Aid office.

The student's Stafford loan will not be transferred to the student's account without the completion of both the Stafford Entrance Counseling and the Stafford Master Promissory Note. Should the student drop below half time in a semester, that student will lose their eligibility for Stafford loans for that semester. You can electronically sign your MPN on-line with your PIN issued from the U. S. Department of Education. (You may have used your PIN to sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)).

While completing your Stafford Loan MPN online, you will have the opportunity to choose the lender from which your Stafford Loan will be borrowed. We do have a lender list on the reverse side of this form. These lenders work electronically with Carthage and have been evaluated as to their commitment to service and the best interests of the student. You are not required to use one of these lenders. If you wish to use a different lender, please contact the Office of Student Financial Planning (OSFP). Once your application is approved, a loan disclosure statement will be mailed to you from the lender. A loan disclosure statement will contain the loan amount approved, the fees assessed, the interest rate and the scheduled disbursement date (s) of your loan. Remember to keep the borrower copy of the MPN as well as the loan disclosure statement for your records.

**What is the MPN and how will the MPN affect the way I get my Stafford Loans?** The MPN is a multi-year legal agreement you sign with the lender when you accept student loan funds. Funds will be electronically sent to Carthage for disbursement if you use a lender on our lender list..

**If I am only signing one promissory note (MPN), how will I indicate how much I want to borrow each year?** For the initial and any subsequent loans, Carthage may award the maximum amount of Stafford Loan funds you are eligible to receive annually. Each year you will receive a new award letter from the Carthage Office of Student Financial Planning indicating the amount you are eligible to receive and at that time you will have the opportunity to reduce or decline the loan amount. In addition, you may contact your lender if you do not agree with the disclosure statement that is sent to you and make changes with them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Carthage Office of Student Financial Planning at (262) 551- 6001 or (800) 351-4058 or call the Great Lakes Loan Processing Center at (800) 236-6600. Thank you.

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