

How to Apply for Federal Assistance 2009-2010

In addition to offering you a quality education, the Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science offers students several forms of federal financial assistance. These resources, explained below, are available to assist you with reaching your educational goals.

To apply for federal assistance, start today by following these steps:

- Apply for aid early!** Submit a 2009-2010 "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Submit as early as January 1, 2009 to be considered for aid for the 2009-2010 academic year. You will need your 2008 tax information to complete this. **Washington University's School Code is: 002520.**
- Submit the supplement form to:**
Washington University in St. Louis, Engineering
Attn: Graduate Aid Coordinator
Campus Box 1138
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, MO 63130
- If you receive financial assistance in the form of tuition remission, outside loan, employer assistance or grant from an outside agency, **you must report the type and amount of aid to the Graduate Aid Coordinator.**

If you are randomly selected by the U.S. Department of Education to complete Federal Verification, you may be asked to supply additional information.

Federal Loans Available to Graduate Students

- **Federal Perkins Loan-** Financial need must be demonstrated in order to secure a Federal Perkins Loan. This loan carries a fixed interest rate of 5%. Repayment begins nine months after graduation, leaving school or falling below half time enrollment. No interest accrues, nor need payments be made on the principal while a student is enrolled at least half time at an eligible institution.
- **Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan-** Financial need must be demonstrated in order to secure a Subsidized Stafford Loan. Beginning on July 1, 2006 this loan carries a fixed interest rate of 6.8%. Repayment of principal begins six months after graduation, leaving school or falling below half time enrollment. No interest accrues, nor need payments be made on the principal while a student is enrolled at least half time at an eligible institution.
- **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan-** Beginning on July 1, 2006 this loan carries a fixed interest rate of 6.8%. Repayment of principal begins six months after graduation, leaving school or falling below half time enrollment. Interest accrues while in school. Students have the choice to pay interest while in school or to have the interest accrue and be added (capitalized) to the loan principal.
- **Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan-** Congress authorized PLUS loans for graduate students in July 2006. The annual loan limit is the student's cost of education minus any estimated financial aid received. Credit must be approved with the lender in order to secure this loan. Beginning July 1, 2006 this loan carries a fixed interest rate of 7.9%. Students enrolled at least half time will automatically go into "In School Deferment" status and repayment begins immediately after graduation, leaving school or falling below half time enrollment.



Washington University in St. Louis

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

2009-2010 Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science Supplement to the FAFSA

Name: _____ Student ID: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

What degree or major will you be working on in 2008-2009? _____

How many units do you expect to enroll in Summer 09 _____ Fall 09 _____ Spring 10 _____
(Note: You must be enrolled at least half-time, in a given semester, to qualify for federal aid. Half-time status is 3 units in summer, 6 units in fall & 6 units in spring.)

Are you receiving tuition benefits from an employer? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much? _____

Are you receiving tuition remission from a department? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much? _____

What is your anticipated graduation date? _____ / _____
Month Year

How much do you wish to borrow in loan funds? _____
Yearly limit of Federal Stafford Loans is \$20,500 but students may wish to borrow up to their full cost of attendance in Graduate PLUS or alternative loans. Loan eligibility is based on financial need and cost of attendance.

If you are an eligible non U.S. citizen, indicate your INS or visa status: _____
If you are neither a citizen nor an eligible non-citizen, you are not eligible for federal student aid.

- **Generally you are an eligible non-citizen if you are:
- A U.S. permanent resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551);
 - A conditional permanent resident (I-551C); or
 - The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."

Special Circumstances- If you have any special circumstances that you feel the financial aid office should be aware of, please attach a letter of special circumstance to the supplement form.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information submitted herein is complete and accurate.

Student Signature

Date Signed