

# NON-NEED BASED ALTERNATIVE FINANCING

We strongly recommend that you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine your eligibility for the federal aid programs. However, the following options are available to students who do not receive enough assistance through the federal aid programs. Libraries also have reference books listing scholarships, grants, work programs and loans. Also check the World Wide Web sites: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) or [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

## Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan

- ◆ Results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be on file
- ◆ Eligibility for need-based programs must be determined first
- ◆ Loan amounts, fee charges, interest rates, and terms are the same as the Subsidized Stafford Loan
- ◆ Amount borrowed through Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford together cannot exceed the annual limit set for each class level
- ◆ Borrower pays or accrues interest from the start of the loan
- ◆ Repayment of principal begins 6 months after ceasing at least half-time enrollment

⇒ Independent undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to borrow additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds.

- \* Independent undergraduates and graduates must meet the qualifying criteria on the FAFSA
- \* Additional unsubsidized maximums are:

Freshman	\$4,000/ yr. (total \$7,500)
Sophomore	\$4,000/ yr. (total \$8,500)
Junior/Senior	\$5,000/ yr. (total \$10,500)
Graduate	\$12,000/ yr. (total \$20,500)



## Federal PLUS loan

- ◆ PLUS is available to parents of dependent students and graduate students
- ◆ Lender is a bank, credit union, or other private lender
- ◆ Good credit history required
- ◆ Interest rate is currently 8.5%
- ◆ Repayment begins within 60 days of the last disbursement for the enrollment period
- ◆ Standard time to repay is 10 years
- ◆ PLUS amounts may cover up to the cost of school less other
- ◆ To determine other aid a FAFSA must be on file
- ◆ Insurance and origination fees of up to 4% are subtracted proportionally from each disbursement
- ◆ Loan proceeds are sent to the school in at least two equal installments
- ◆ Parents or graduate students wishing to borrow funds through the PLUS loan program should complete an online pre-approval available at <http://financialaid.truman.edu/PLUS.stm> or contact the Office of Financial Aid if you do not have web access



## Alternative Loan Sources

If financing is needed in addition to federal aid, there are private loan sources. Below is a list of lenders with whom we process loans electronically. (If you choose to use another lender it may cause delays in processing.) Compare loan terms, interest rates, finance charges, and repayment schedules to find one that best suits your situation or preferences.

Mohela <a href="http://www.mohela.com">www.mohela.com</a>	EdCash Loan & Grad Cash Loan 1-800-666-4352
Citibank <a href="http://www.studentloan.com">www.studentloan.com</a>	CitiAssist Loan 1-800-745-5473
Bank Of America <a href="http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentbanking">www.bankofamerica.com/studentbanking</a>	Undergraduate Loan 1-800-344-8382
Wells Fargo <a href="http://www.wellsfargo.com/student">www.wellsfargo.com/student</a>	Collegiate Loan 1-800-658-3567
College Loan Corporation <a href="http://www.collegeloan.com">www.collegeloan.com</a>	Premier Loan 1-800-2COLLEGE

To choose a lender, follow the steps below:

1. Log on to the appropriate website or call the phone number listed above and complete a pre-approval application.
2. After receiving a credit approval, the lender will send you a promissory note for the required signatures. Sign and date the promissory note and return it to the lender. (Remember to also have the co-signer sign the promissory note if necessary.)
3. The lender will notify the Financial Aid Office of the pre-approval and the application will be put in date wise order to be processed.
4. As soon as the lender receives the completed promissory note and the school certification, they will release the funds to Truman State University and funds will be credited to your student account. (Loan funds cannot be received more than 10 days before the beginning of the semester.)



## Truman Foundation Loans

Funds for long-term loans, cultural loans (for study abroad), and computer loans have been made available from contributions made by alumni and friends of the University. Students who apply must be currently enrolled full time. All of these loans do require co-signers. Interest and repayment terms vary depending on the type of the loan. Additional information and application forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, MC 103, and on our website.

