

2023-2024 Student Loan Information

Application Process

There are several steps that you will need to complete in order to receive a student loan:

- 1) Complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA www.fafsa.gov
- 2) Have a complete file with financial aid (please see instructions on how to check if your file is complete at <https://www.eastcentral.edu/finaid/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/05/FA-File-Complete-instructions.pdf>)
- 3) Complete the Student Loan Data Sheet and turn into the Financial Aid Office via mail, fax, email or in-person at Union or Rolla Campus.
 - a. East Central College
Attn: Financial Aid
1964 Prairie Dell Rd
Union, MO 63084
 - b. Fax # - 636-583-6651
 - c. Email – finaid@eastcentral.edu
- 4) Enroll for at least 6 Title IV credit hours per semester
- 5) Log into www.studentaid.gov with FSA ID and complete the following (this only needs to be done once at ECC):
 - a. Master Promissory Note (MPN) for subsidized/unsubsidized loans
 - b. Entrance Counseling for undergraduate

Financial Aid Award

Once you have completed the application process, your eligibility will be determined as directed on the Loan Data Sheet and will be added to your financial aid award. You can view this information via your financial aid self-service portal. Your loan award will be the amount requested on the Data Sheet or your maximum eligibility, whichever is lower. You may be awarded one or both of the following types of loan:

Subsidized – The interest that accrues on this loan while you are in school and during your grace period is subsidized by the federal government. You will become responsible for accrued interest on these loans once you enter repayment.

Unsubsidized – the interest that accrues on this loan while you are in school and during your grace period is your responsibility. You are not required to make interest payments while in school and can instead allow that expense to be added to the principal amount borrowed.

Current Interest Rate is **4.99%** for 22-23 academic year. Interest rates for 23-24 year have not been announced.

Current Processing Fee is **1.057%**

Federal Direct Loan Annual Maximums

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Dependent*</u>	<u>Independent**</u>
Freshman (0-29 completed hours)	\$5,500 (\$3,500 max subsidized)	\$9,500 (\$3,500 max subsidized)
Sophomore (30 + completed hours)	\$6,500 (\$4,500 max subsidized)	\$10,500 (\$4,500 max subsidized)

*Dependent: Students who were required to use parents' information to complete the FAFSA.

**Independent: Students who used only their own and/or spouse information to complete the FAFSA.

Bookstore Charges

East Central College will extend an "advance" to students seeking educationally related materials from the bookstore if the amount of anticipated financial aid disbursement exceeds the amount of charges on the student's account. The timeframe during which students can utilize this program is three weeks prior to the term through two weeks (for Summer) or four weeks (Fall and Spring) after it has started.

Disbursement

Typically, each of your loans will be delivered in two equal disbursements. Per federal regulation, your first disbursement should arrive at the college after the first 30 days of the term. The second disbursement will be scheduled roughly half the way through the semester. Once they arrive, the Business Office will post them to your account which can be seen via your self-service portal.

Refund

If the amount of federal student aid funds (including loans) posted to your account exceeds your charges, you will be issued a refund. Federal regulations require that the college must deliver any refund due within 14 days from the date that your disbursement was posted to your account.