Summer Student Aid Notes

The financial aid that you are eligible to receive for the summer semester is detailed in the enclosed award letter. Student Aid Notes contains important information about your financial aid awards from the University of Pittsburgh. Please read through this information carefully and keep it with your other important school papers as a reference should questions arise. More detailed information about financial aid at the University of Pittsburgh is available at [www.oafa.pitt.edu/fahome.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/fahome.aspx).

Students wishing to decline or reduce aid awarded for the summer can notify The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at oafa@pitt.edu. Be sure to include your full name and PeopleSoft ID number.

Federal Pell Grant

If your award letter includes a Pell Grant, your eligibility for a Pell Grant was determined based on the results from your FAFSA and the U.S. Department of Education Pell Payment Schedule, as well as remaining eligibility for the summer as part of the preceding academic year.

Direct Stafford Student Loan

If your award letter includes a Direct Stafford Student Loan, you are eligible to borrow under the Direct Stafford Loan program. Your eligibility may include both subsidized and unsubsidized loan amounts. The amount of your loan award is based upon the results of your FAFSA, federal Direct Loan regulations, your requested amount and your remaining eligibility for the summer as part of the preceding academic year. If you are a first time student borrower at the University of Pittsburgh, you must complete an Entrance Interview and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) before these loan funds can be disbursed to you. These requirements can be completed online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). No loan funds will be disbursed to your student account until these requirements are completed by you.

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) State Grant

PA students may apply for a summer PHEAA Grant at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org). PHEAA Summer payments may not be awarded and available to you before the summer term begins.

Summer Federal Work Study

If sufficient funds are available, students who were employed during the regular school year will be given an opportunity to apply for Summer Federal Work Study awards. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to students who participated in the Work Study program during the academic year just ended. Federal work study funds are not disbursed to the student’s account. Students receive a paycheck at the end of each month.

Parent/Graduate PLUS Loans

Parents or Graduate students may apply for a PLUS loan by completing Direct PLUS Loan Request at [www.oafa.pitt.edu/directplus.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/directplus.aspx).

Private Alternative Loans

See our website for further information regarding private loans: [www.oafa.pitt.edu/alternative.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/alternative.aspx).

Satisfactory Academic Progress

You are required to make satisfactory academic progress and remain in good academic standing with the University in order to retain your eligibility for financial aid. An annual evaluation is made of your academic performance at the end of each spring semester. If you have received a disbursement of your summer loan funds and are subsequently found to be not meeting academic progress requirements after spring grades are posted, your federal aid will be canceled and you may owe a balance to the university. Specific guidelines and information concerning academic progress and standing are available at [www.oafa.pitt.edu/acadprog.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/acadprog.aspx).

Change of Enrollment

If during the course of the summer, your enrollment is reduced, drops below half-time, or if you withdraw from the university, all aid funds are subject to reduction or cancellation.