

2022-2023 Loan Comparison Document

Education is an important investment. Students should carefully consider all financing options, including grants and scholarships, before borrowing a loan.

Federal Direct Student Loans:

- Federal student loan eligibility is determined based on the results of your FAFSA application (fafsa.gov). Students may be offered a Direct Subsidized and/or a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, which the student will be responsible for repaying. The table below further explains the difference between a Subsidized Loan and an Unsubsidized Loan:

<u>Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized Loans:</u>	
<p><u>Direct Subsidized Loan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on financial need. Financial need is determined based upon the results of your FAFSA.• The federal government pays the interest on the loan while you are enrolled in school at least half-time. • Undergraduate loan interest rates: 4.99% for loans disbursed on/after July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.• Origination fees: 1.057% for loans disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2020 and before Oct. 1, 2023.	<p><u>Direct Unsubsidized Loan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not based on financial need. • Interest begins accumulating as soon as funds are disbursed and continues until the loan is paid in full. Accrued interest will be added to the balance of the loan. (You are not required to pay the interest while you are in school, but we recommend that you do.) • Undergraduate loan interest rates: 4.99% for loans disbursed on/after July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.• Graduate loan interest rates: 6.54% for loans disbursed on/after July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.• Origination fees: 1.057% for loans disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2020 and before Oct. 1, 2023.

- Students interested in accepting all or a portion of their Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan offer may do so at <https://connect.samford.edu>. The priority processing deadline is July 1 for Direct Loans. Accepting your loans by this date allows plenty of time for processing by both Student Financial Services and the U.S. Department of Education. It also allows time for the aid to authorize to your account, should you desire to participate in one of Samford's payment plan options.

