How to finalize your Federal Direct Loan for 2019-2020

Your financial aid for the 2019-2020 year may include eligibility for a Federal Direct Loan (subsidized and/or unsubsidized). Before you can receive those funds, there are additional steps that you must take in order to 'activate' your loan eligibility. Review all of the information listed below and follow the steps that are outlined. If you have any questions, please contact our office for assistance.

- If you borrowed a Federal Direct Loan (subsidized and/or unsubsidized) during the 2018-2019 year at Washington County Community College, you do not need to complete Steps One through Three.
- If you are not sure whether you borrowed a loan, or if you borrowed a loan at another college, you need to complete all of the steps.
- If you are not a **First Time Borrower you must do Step Four**
- **In all cases**, you will need to complete **Step Five**.

___   **Step One: Create an FSA ID**
- The FSA ID – a username and password – has replaced the FAFSA PIN as of May 2015 and must be used to log in to certain federal government web sites, such as the FAFSA and studentloans.gov.
- If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one at **https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm**.
- If you already created an FSA ID when you completed your FAFSA, please move on to Step Two.

___   **Step Two: Complete Entrance Counseling-SUPPORTED BROWERS TO USE ARE CHROME & FIREFOX**
- Go to **studentaid.gov** and click the 'LOG in' button. Sign in using your FSA ID.
- Once signed in, scroll down and **Click the "In School"** tab
- **Select 'Complete Loan Entrance Counseling'**.
- Follow the steps and be sure to submit your information at the end of the session.
- Click on 'My Account' on the top of the page to bring you back to the main page.
- Click on 'View Completed Counseling' on the left to make sure you successfully submitted your Entrance Counseling information and WCCC is listed as the school to receive it.
- Once you have confirmed that you successfully submitted the information**, do not** log out of the site.
- Proceed to Step Three.

___   **Step Three: Complete a Master Promissory Note**
- At **studentaid.gov**, click **'Complete Loan Agreement (Master Promissory Note)**'.
- Select 'Subsidized / Unsubsidized'.
- Follow the steps and be sure to submit your information at the end of the session.
- Click on 'My Account' on the top of the page to bring you back to the main page.
- Click on 'View Completed MPNs' on the left to make sure you successfully submitted your Master Promissory Note and that WCCC is listed as the school to receive it.
- Log out of the site and proceed to Step Four.

___   **Step Four: If you have borrowed a Direct Loan prior to this semester.**
- Go to **studentaid.gov** and print your Direct Loan History that includes all prior Direct Student Loans

___   **Step Five: Tell us how much you wish to borrow**

- Please meet with Heather Smale in the Student Accounts Office to discuss any balance owed for the academic year.
- Please make an appointment with the Financial Aid Office to discuss Direct Loan amounts and Repayment Options.
- Document Direct Loan amount requested, SSN#, Sign and Date below:

Direct Loan Amount Requested $_____*   Student ID # _____

Student Name (Please PRINT) _____

Student Signature _____   Date _____

<u>*I give my permission for WCCC Financial Aid Office to adjust my Subsidized Direct Loan amount with gift or scholarship aid if available. By signing below, I agree to this adjustment.</u>

*Student Signature*_____ *Date:* _____

Federal Interest Rates for Direct Student Loans are 4.53% and Loan Origination Fee is 1.062 %

Note: Interest begins immediately on any unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan(s) amount.

Federal <u>maximum</u> loan amounts

Dependent Students (as determined by FAFSA)	**Independent** Students (as determined by FAFSA)
Full Time Students	**Full Time Students**
$3,500 subsidized $2,000 unsubsidized **$5,500** maximum for **first year** student	$3,500 subsidized $6,000 unsubsidized **$9,500** maximum for **first year** student
$4,500 subsidized $2,000 unsubsidized **$6,500** maximum for **second year** student (completed 30 or more credits in their program)	$4,500 subsidized $6,000 unsubsidized **$10,500** maximum for **second year** student (completed 30 or more credits hours in their program