



Alternative Loan Form

Claremont McKenna College participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program as well as a variety of private loan programs. We encourage all students to exhaust their federal loan options before exploring private or alternative loan programs. To learn more about your loan options at CMC, you may watch a brief [video](#), visit the CMC [financial aid website](#) or visit [studentaid.gov](#) for more information on the Federal Direct Loan programs for students and parents.

To determine your federal and state grant eligibility as well as federal loan eligibility, you will need to complete the [FAFSA](#) if you have not already done so. CMC's school code is 001170.

Parents may borrow up to the full cost of attendance minus any other aid their student receives. For example, the basic cost of attendance is \$82,127. If a first-year student borrows their full Federal Direct Loan eligibility of \$5,500, their parent would be able to borrow up to \$76,627, assuming no other aid including scholarships or grants is received.

The maximum annual Federal Direct Loan limits for dependent undergraduate students are as follows:

Year	Base Amount	Additional Unsubsidized Amount	
	All Students (may be subsidized or unsubsidized loans)	All Students	Students whose parents cannot borrow PLUS loans
First-Year Undergraduate	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$4,000
Second-Year Undergraduate	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$4,000
Third-Year and Beyond Undergraduate	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$5,000

PLEASE NOTE: Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Undergraduate Loans disbursed after July 1, 2022 and before July 1, 2023 have a fixed interest rate of 4.99%. The net amount disbursed to you will be the total loan amount approved less a 1.057% origination fee.

Federal student loans are required by law to provide a range of flexible repayment options, including, but not limited to, income-based repayment and income-contingent repayment plans, and loan forgiveness benefits, which other student loans are not required to provide. Federal direct loans are available to students regardless of income.

PRIVATE LOANS often carry higher interest rates and fees than federal loans or home equity loans, and may have less attractive terms. Interest rates and loan fees vary and can change month to month. Private loans are based on credit ratings, income-to-debt ratios, and do not consider financial need and may require a co-signer. Interest accrues immediately, but repayment normally begins after the student graduates or withdraws from CMC. More information is available on the CMC Financial Aid website.

Please complete and return the below form via email to finaid@cmc.edu:

Choose Option 1 or Option 2 (only select and sign one option)

Option 1

- Yes, I would like to utilize the Federal Direct Loan, and I understand that the below steps are required before my alternative loan is certified.

All Direct Loan borrowers must complete the following steps:

1. Submit a [FAFSA](#) if you have not already done so.
2. Complete the [Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Session.](#)
3. Complete the Federal Direct Loan Request Form located on [Net Partner.](#)
4. Complete the [Electronic Master Promissory Note.](#)

I certify that I have read the information listed above regarding my federal loan eligibility.

Student Name: _____

CMC ID: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Option 2

- No, I do not wish to borrow a Federal Direct Loan, and I wish to have my private or alternative loan certified.

I certify that I have read the information listed above regarding my federal loan eligibility.

Student Name: _____

CMC ID: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____