Federal Student Aid Summary Chart

Federal Student Aid Program	Type of Aid	Program Details	Annual Award Limits
Federal Pell Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	Available almost exclusively to undergraduates; all eligible students will receive the Federal Pell Grant amount they qualify for.	\$400 to \$4,310 for 2007-98
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	Grant: does not have to be repaid	For undergraduates with exceptional financial need; priority is given to Federal Pell Grant recipients; funds depend on availability.	\$100 to \$4,000
		For undergraduates receiving Pell Grants who are U.S. citizens enrolled full-time in their first or second academic year of study.	
Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)	Grant: does not have to be repaid	For first academic year students who have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study, graduated from high school after Jan. 1, 2006, and have not been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program.	First academic year students: up to \$750
		For second academic year students who have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study, graduated from high school after Jan. 1, 2005, and have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the completion of their first year of postsecondary study.	Second academic year students: up to \$1,300
National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant)	Grant: does not have to be repaid	For undergraduates receiving Pell Grants, who are U.S. citizens enrolled full-time in their third or fourth academic year of an eligible degree program majoring in physical, life, or computer sciences, engineering, technology, mathematics or a critical-need foreign language and have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.	Up to \$4,000 for each of the third and fourth academic years
Federal Work-Study (FWS)	Money is earned while attending school, does not have to be repaid	For undergraduate and graduate students; jobs can be on campus or off campus; students are paid at least federal minimum wage.	No annual minimum or maximum award amounts
Federal Perkins Loan	Loan: must be repaid	Interest charged on this loan is 5 percent for both undergraduate and graduate students; payment is owed to the school that made the loan.	\$4,000 maximum for undergraduate students; \$6,000 maximum for graduate and professional degree students; no minimum award amount
Subsidized Direct Stafford Loan	Loan: must be repaid	Subsidized: U.S. Department of Education pays interest while borrower is in school and during grace and deferment periods; you must be at least a half-time student and have financial need.	\$3,500 to \$8,500 depending on grade level
Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loan	Loan: must be repaid	Unsubsidized: Borrower is responsible for interest during life of the loan; you must be at least a half-time student; financial need is not a requirement.	\$3,500 to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for the same perioSd), depending on grade level and dependency status
Direct PLUS Loan	Loan: must be repaid	Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time. Financial need is not a requirement. PLUS Loans are unsubsidized: Borrower is responsible for interest during the life of the loan.	Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid the student receives; no minimum award amount
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