

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN REQUEST FORM

To specify the amounts you would like to borrow of the loans listed in your award letter, please complete all of the following information and submit it to our office for processing. Once processed, your lender will mail any necessary applications and promissory notes to you, for signature and completion. All applications and/or promissory notes should be returned to the address specified on the form. **This form can be faxed to (212) 851 – 2298.**

Name: _____	
SSN: _____ - _____ - _____	
Grad. Date: ____ / ____ / ____	
Telephone: (____) _____ - _____	E-mail: _____
Address (where promissory note should be mailed): _____ _____	
Please indicate program(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> RRP <input type="checkbox"/> EXT <input type="checkbox"/> ADV <input type="checkbox"/> MS Incoming <input type="checkbox"/> MS Cont. <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	

Please Indicate Term(s) you are requesting loans for:
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2008 Only <input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2008/Fall 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2008/Spring 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2009/Summer 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2009 Only

Federal Stafford Loans (Total Amount Requested):
Federal Subsidized Stafford: \$ ____ , ____ _
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford: \$ ____ , ____ _

Selecting a Lender
Columbia University's Suggested Stafford Loan Lenders for the 2008-2009 academic year are:
<input type="checkbox"/> Access Group <input type="checkbox"/> Bank of America <input type="checkbox"/> Citibank <input type="checkbox"/> Total Higher Education (T.H.E.)
Please be aware that lenders listed above are merely suggested lenders. This is not an exhaustive list of available lenders. Students have the right and ability to select the education loan provider of their choice, are not required to use any of these suggested lenders and will suffer no penalty for choosing a lender that is not included here as a suggested lender. Please see the University's Disclosure Concerning Lenders provided on page 2. For additional information on these suggested lenders and other lenders, please visit the University's financial aid website at www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/ .
<input type="checkbox"/> Other lender _____
Please note: If you have not previously completed a Master Promissory Note (MPN), the lender of your loan will mail you a MPN that must be completed and returned directly to them. The lender cannot send funds to Columbia until the MPN is returned.

I also affirm by signing below that I have read Columbia University's Disclosure Concerning Lenders on page 2 of this form.

Student Signature _____ **Date:** _____

**Columbia University's Disclosure Concerning Lenders
2008-2009**

The suggested lenders for 2008-2009 were chosen as a result of a Request for Proposal ("RFP") process conducted in 2007-2008. Three separate RFPs were issued, one for Federal Family Education Loan Program Loans ("FFELP") loan products ("FFELP RFP"), one for private loan products ("Private Loan RFP"), and one for private loan products for international students ("International Loan RFP"). Led by the AVP for Student Administrative Services, a committee of seven of the University's financial aid directors contributed to the drafting of the three separate RFP's, selected lenders to receive each of the RFPs, and selected candidates for the University's suggested lender list. The committee in conjunction with University senior management chose the final list of suggested lenders for each type of loan: FFELP loans, private loans and loans for international students.

The University issued each of the RFP's to between nine and fifteen lenders. Not all lenders that offer the relevant loan products received an RFP and not all lenders that received an RFP responded. The University considered the responding lenders' proposals and a variety of factors including: rates; terms; fees; capitalization policies; aggregate borrowing limits; eligibility and approval rates; customer service (for example, call response time, experience of call center representatives, availability of toll free customer service numbers); reputation; experience; management practices; application, certification, and fund disbursement processes; loan proceed return and cancellation policies; repayment policies (for example, option to prepay without penalty, maximum term offered, and grace period); repayment incentives and options; deferment and forbearance policies; cosigner release policies; availability of identified service representatives to assist with issue resolution; default aversion policies; and reporting capabilities.

For the FFELP RFP, cost and eligibility factors were given the same weight as customer service factors including process flexibility and data reporting. For the Private Loan RFP and International Loan RFP, cost and eligibility were given the same weight as customer service factors including process flexibility, data reporting, and comprehensiveness. One of the lenders selected through the International Loan RFP process provides additional benefits by making available a limited amount of loans to international students who do not have established credit or a creditworthy U.S. citizen co-borrower.

As the University considered qualitative as well as quantitative factors, the interest rate, fees, or loan cost offered by any of the suggested lenders may not be the lowest available. In addition, a lender may change the rates, terms, fees and other information from that which was offered in their original RFP proposal(s). Students and parents are not required to use the lenders on the suggested lender list and may use any lender of their choice, including lenders not on the suggested lender list. Students are encouraged to shop around to find the lender offering the rates, terms, and service that are right for them.