



# Loan Guide

## Selecting the right loan is an important part of your financial future!

Below is a comparison of the loan lenders that work with BC3.

### Federal Loans

[www.StudentAid.gov](http://www.StudentAid.gov)

We always recommend utilizing the Federal Direct Student Loan **FIRST**, which is why you may already have this type of loan offered on the Financial Aid page of myBC3. You can always supplement with additional loans, if necessary.



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#### Federal Direct Student Loan

Fixed Rate: 6.53%  
Origination Fee: 1.057%

#### Federal Direct Student Loan

No credit history needed  
No co-signer needed  
Fixed interest rates  
Optional income-driven repayment plan

#### Annual Loan Limits

Dependent Freshman: \$5,500  
Dependent Sophomore: \$6,500  
  
Independent Freshman: \$9,500  
Independent Sophomore: \$10,500

#### Requirements for ALL Federal Loans

Degree-seeking  
6-credit minimum enrollment  
Complete a FAFSA each year  
Must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress

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#### Federal Parent PLUS Loan

Fixed Rate 8.08%  
Origination Fee: 4.228%

#### Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

Fixed interest rates  
Credit check required  
A denial permits the student to borrow the 'independent' annual amount from the Federal Direct Student Loan  
Optional income-driven repayment plan

### Private Loans

[www.ElmSelect.com](http://www.ElmSelect.com)

Approval of private loans are based on a credit check, which also determines your interest rate. Some applicants may need a co-signer. Each lender has additional stipulations (ex: degree-seeking, making Satisfactory Academic Progress ([SAP](#)), enrollment requirements, etc.). **Visit the website to view all conditions & apply.**

**sallie mae**

#### Sallie Mae Private Loan

Fixed Rate: 3.49% - 15.49%  
Variable Rate: 4.54% - 14.71%

**PNC**

#### PNC Private Loan

Fixed Rate: 3.59% - 13.99%  
Variable Rate: 4.09% - 14.49%

**College AVE**

#### College Ave Private Loan

Fixed Rate: 3.47% - 17.99%  
Variable Rate: 4.44% - 17.99%

**PA FORWARD**  
Student Loans

#### PHEAA Private Loan

Fixed Rate: 3.47% - 10.56%

**ARMCO**  
CREDIT UNION

#### Armco Private Loan

Variable Rate: 8.5% - 11.5%