

DIRECT LOAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

If you do not understand or have questions about any of the statements, please make an appointment to meet with a Financial Aid Staff Member.

I have read and I understand the conditions of borrowing a Federal Direct Loan for attendance at Taft College and I have read and I understand the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress policies are available on the Taft College website.

I acknowledge loan funds will be used to assist in meeting my educational costs. Loan proceeds may not be used to purchase or lease an automobile, go on vacations, or other non-educational expenses.

I understand if I am a first year, first time loan borrower, my loan funds will not be disbursed until at least 30 days after the start of the new semester.

I understand I must be enrolled in and attending six or more eligible, degree applicable units to receive loan funds and I must pass a minimum of 6 degree applicable units each semester.

I understand the actual amount of the loan may be less than the amount I have requested due to my loan eligibility and grade level.

I understand I must meet ALL Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards each semester to be eligible to receive a loan. Repeat coursework rules apply as do attending hours. Failure to comply will result in loss of eligibility and any undisbursed portion of my student loan will be cancelled.

Time Limitation on Direct Subsidized Loan Eligibility for First-Time Borrowers on or after July, 1, 2013.

I understand Federal regulations state effectively July 1, 2013, first time borrowers who have exceeded their maximum timeframe do not qualify for Subsidized Loans (loans with the lowest interest rate). Only "Unsubsidized" Loan funds may be offered to first time borrowers who have exceeded the maximum time frame.

I understand eligibility for subsidized loans is limited to 150 percent of my program if I am a new borrower with a zero balance as of 07/01/2013.

I understand Financial Aid staff may use professional judgment to decline or reduce the loan requested for students at risk of default on a case-by-case basis per HEA Sec. 479(A)(c), 34 CFR 685.301(a)(8), DCL GEN 11-07. In circumstances when professional judgment is used, a written explanation will be provided to the students.

I understand in response to default prevention and management, I may be required to meet with Financial Aid staff prior to the loan certification if I have (had) academic performance difficulties including but not limited to withdrawing or failing to complete course(s) and/or being placed on Warning or Probation SAP status for Financial Aid. I understand academic performance from schools other than Taft College may be taken into consideration when determining if I must meet with Financial Aid staff.

I understand Taft College is committed to default prevention and management and strives to limit loan defaults and the debt of students. A high loan default rate may affect all Taft College students' eligibility for grants, loans and Federal Work Study.

I understand my total Financial Aid awards cannot exceed my Cost of Attendance. If additional grants, scholarships or other awards are added after a loan has been awarded, but prior to disbursement, my loan amounts may be reduced to accommodate the new award offers, or the new awards may not be offered.

I understand if my student account has a balance from tuition charges or other fees, this balance will be deducted from my student loan disbursement. If my student loans exceed the total charges, my account will have a credit balance and a refund will be made to the refund preference I selected.



Student Signature: _____

Date: _____