Many students rely on student loans to assist with the funding of their education. It is important to consider the different types of loans available and how much you should borrow. While some students may need to borrow more due to financial need, UWL encourages students to plan for their future and to only borrow what they need.

Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized Loans

Subsidized loans are awarded to students with financial need based on their FAFSA. If you are eligible for a Federal Subsidized Direct Loan, it is recommended that you borrow a subsidized loan. The Subsidized Direct Loan is subsidized by the federal government, which means the federal government pays the interest on the loan while you are enrolled in school, and during your grace period. This is the better of the two options.

How To Limit What You Borrow

It is important to consider the amount you borrow and to limit how much you must repay. If you have more than one loan, you would encourage you to decline the Unsubsidized loan in your WINGS student center.

Unsubsidized loans will begin to accrue interest immediately once the loan is disbursed. This is why it is important to consider how much you need to borrow. Unsubsidized loans do not have an interest subsidy, so the interest will accrue while you are in school and during your grace period. This is why it is important to only borrow what you need and to consider other options such as work-study or scholarships.

Getting Involved

If you have any questions or concerns about financing your education, we encourage you to stop in to meet with one of our staff. The UWL Financial Aid Office is located in room 215 Graff Main Hall.

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