**DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN**

**SUBSIDIZED**

- Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest.

- You will NOT be charged any interest while you’re in school (at least half-time). The Federal government “subsidizes” the interest during this period.

- The MAX amount of student loan funds depends on independent or dependent status, first-year or second-year status, enrollment status, SAP, whether a student is graduating, if the student has already received student loans at another institution for the current academic year, etc. Please see max loan amounts at: [http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/finaid.php](http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/finaid.php)

- Must meet citizenship requirements, not be in default on a student loan, and must not owe a refund to any Federal Title IV aid program.

**How do I get these funds?**

1. E-sign your MPN (Master Promissory Note)*. Instructions on how to do this are online at [http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/finaid.php](http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/finaid.php). Your MPN is valid for ten (10) years.

2. New Borrowers at IHCC: Must successfully complete “Entrance Counseling”** once. If you need to do this, see the instructions online at [http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/finaid.php](http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/finaid.php)

3. “Accept” your loans online via your WebAdvisor. Please see your Award Letter for instructions.

**Important**

- You must remain enrolled at least half-time each term (4 credit hours).

- If you are terminated from Financial Aid eligibility due to Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)*** you will also lose your loan funds, along with any and all grant and work-study funds.

- Notify the Office of Financial Aid if you receive any additional scholarships or outside aid.

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* An MPN is a legal obligation. Signing the MPN is your promise to repay the loan, according to the terms of the note.

** You only need to complete this ONE TIME and only if you are a FIRST-TIME BORROWER at IHCC.

*** See the SAP policy online at: [http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/docs.sap-policy.pdf](http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/docs.sap-policy.pdf)