

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FEDERAL GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS**

Applicants must establish their eligibility to apply for federal financial aid by meeting several general requirements.

- The applicant must be admitted to a degree-granting program\*
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen , U.S. Permanent Resident or other eligible noncitizen
- The applicant must be registered with Selective Service (if required)
- The applicant must be making satisfactory academic progress

An applicant in default on any Federal Student Loan (including: Perkins Loan, Direct Loan, PLUS or Graduate PLUS Loan) or who owes a repayment on a Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or other Federal Grant at any institution is not considered eligible for aid. The applicant must provide proof that the indebtedness and/or default status has been removed before the applicant can be considered for additional assistance. If an applicant owes any type of past debt to the University, then the applicant must resolve the financial obligation to the University.

\*Two exceptions to the degree-granting program requirement:

Students who must take certain pre-requisite course work to qualify for admission into a graduate program, may get a Federal Direct Stafford Loan for up to 12 consecutive months while completing that preparatory course work. The student must be enrolled at least half-time in approved coursework documented by the program advisor, and must meet the federal student financial aid eligibility requirements.

Students enrolled at least half-time in the teacher certification program can potentially be awarded Work-Study, a Federal Direct Loan, or an application can be made by a parent for a PLUS Loan (dependent students only), while enrolled in that program. Please note that students in the teacher certification program are considered undergraduate students and are subject to undergraduate loan limits.

NOTE: Guest students, dual enrolled students, and students who are in a non-eligible program are not eligible to receive aid.