

Federal Direct Loans (FDL), 2017/18

(<http://web.roguecc.edu/financial-aid/student-loans-rcc>)

Welcome to RCC's student loan application process for the 2017/18 school year ('17 Summer through '18 Spring). 2017/18 loan applications should be submitted no sooner than approximately one month prior to the first term of your loan period.

READ the following pages carefully. We recommend that you print them for your reference.

All federal Stafford student loans are through the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Federal Direct Loan (FDL) program. This means that if you borrow money toward educational expenses, you will make repayment to a federal government servicer instead of a private lender. For FDL information, visit www.studentloans.gov.

Who is Eligible to Apply for a FDL?

Once you have been issued an Award Letter or an Eligibility Notification from RCC, you may complete the FDL application process. At least half-time (6+ aid-eligible term credits), aid-eligible enrollment is required. Check your financial aid status at <https://roguenet3.roguecc.edu/StudentResources/FA/status.asp>. Per-term loan application deadlines are as follows:

Loan Application Deadlines:			
'17 Summer	Thurs., 08/24/17	'18 Winter	Fri., 03/14/18
'17 Fall	Fri., 12/01/17	'18 Spring	Fri., 06/08/18

How do You Apply? (it may be helpful to print these pages)

After reviewing this information, be prepared to enter the following data:

- Your Social Security Number (SSN)
- Your FSA ID (Federal Student Aid; ie username and password) used to electronically sign your FAFSA. **Use of another person's FSA ID constitutes fraud. Use only your own FSA ID information.**
- Contact information (i.e. phone/ mailing address) for 2-3 different, personal references (people who will know how to contact you in 10 years)

Recommended: Take the time to carefully read and research your need before you borrow. There are many helpful tools provided here. Use them to help you plan.

To proceed to the **application process**, select "Apply" at the end of these introductory pages. You'll be asked to log into myRogue using your RCC ID and RCC password. If the system cannot confirm your eligibility to apply, follow the directions you are given to find out what you

must do next. DO NOT CONTINUE to www.StudentLoans.gov as RCC will NOT be able to certify a loan for you until you become eligible. Otherwise, continue as follows:

1. **Loan Request/Revision Form.** Print so that you can later complete and submit it by fax to 541-471-3585 (Redwood Campus) or 541-245-7648 (Riverside Campus), scan and email it to rcs@roquecc.edu, or submit it in-person to Rogue Central Services. Select “Next” to continue to www.StudentLoans.gov and log in.
2. **Complete Loan Entrance Counseling.** (First-time-borrowers only; Freshman who never previously borrowed) – Allow up to an hour to carefully learn your borrower rights and responsibilities.
 - a. Start Entrance Counseling.
 - b. Select Schools to Notify (Oregon – Rogue Community College; G10182 – Redwood Campus is correct; Notify This School)
 - c. Select Student Type (Select the first box; “I am completing entrance counseling to receive Direct Loans as an undergraduate student.”), then Continue
 - d. Section 1: Understand Your Loans – Interactively review and complete Check Your Knowledge questions, then Continue
 - e. Section 2: Manage Your Spending – Interactively review and complete Check Your Knowledge questions, then Continue
 - f. Section 3: Plan to Repay - Interactively review and complete Check Your Knowledge questions, then Continue
 - g. Section 4: Avoid Default - Interactively review and complete Check Your Knowledge questions, then Continue
 - h. Section 5: Make Finances a Priority - Interactively review and complete Check Your Knowledge questions, then Continue
 - i. Review the Entrance Counseling Summary (You will get a “Congratulations!” message when completed.)
3. **Master Promissory Note (MPN).** Select “Completed MPNs” under “My Loan Documents.” All completed MPNs will be displayed. If your MPN for RCC is older than 10 years or the message “No records found” is displayed, click on “Complete MPN” under “Master Promissory Note” further down on the left-hand column. This will take you to a screen where you’ll select the type of loan you would like to receive. Select “Subsidized/Unsubsidized MPN” (RCC does not participate in any PLUS loan programs), then do the following:

STEP 1 Information

- a. Complete Borrower Information (Section A)
- b. Complete School Information (G10182 – Redwood Campus is correct) (Section B) Continue

STEP 2 References

Complete Reference 1 and 2 (Section C) – These should be people who will know how to reach you in future years.
Continue

STEP 3 Terms & Conditions

- a. Expand and review Sections C, D, E and F
- b. Check the certification Continue

STEP 4 Review & Sign

- a. Use Edit to make corrections in any section

- b. Enter your First Name, Middle Initial and Last Name, then click Sign Review Your Master Promissory Note (MPN) and click Submit (or Back to make corrections)
4. **In-Person Loan Entrance Counseling for First-Time-Borrowers (Freshman who never previously borrowed).** For RCC to process your first student loan, your next step is to attend In-Person Loan Counseling. Since your first disbursement must be scheduled no sooner than 30 days into the first term of your loan period, this should give you time to complete this step. Go to <https://www.roguecc.edu/SignUps/LoanCounseling/> to register. Bring a photo ID, arrive on-time to this small group session, plan on participating in the full 2 hours, and come prepared to complete a borrowing plan. Please do NOT bring children.

How Much Can You Borrow?

That depends. How much do you **need**? How much can you **afford** to repay? What are the federal annual and aggregate limits? To help you figure that out and better understand money, budgeting and debt, RCC offers students a FREE membership to **SALT**, a financial literacy and default prevention service. You can access your free membership at www.SALTmoney.org.



Annual and aggregate maximums, are based on your dependency status and class standing in your program, as follows:

Annual Maximum*	Dependent	Independent
Freshman	\$ 3,500 Base Sub/Unsub +\$ 2,000 Additional Unsub =\$ 5,500 Total	\$ 3,500 Base Sub/Unsub +\$ 6,000 Additional Unsub =\$ 9,500 Total
Sophomore (36+ program credits toward a 2-year program)	\$ 4,500 Base Sub/Unsub +\$ 2,000 Additional Unsub =\$ 6,500 Total	\$ 4,500 Base Sub/Unsub +\$ 6,000 Additional Unsub =\$10,500 Total

*May be limited by budgetary need and/or aggregate (combined) maximums (\$23,000 Base Sub/Unsub and \$31,000/\$57,500 Total for Dep./Indep.).

RCC will certify the lesser of what you request on your Federal Direct Loan Request/Revision Form or what we calculate you are eligible to borrow after we receive notification that you successfully completed loan entrance counseling. **Subsidized** eligibility is always calculated before **Unsubsidized**, as it is the least expensive loan option available (you are not responsible for the interest while you qualify for an in-school deferment). **If you are a new borrower on/after 7/1/13, your loan subsidy is limited to you completing your academic program within 150% published length.** Please visit <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/directSubsidizedLoanTimeLimitation.action> for more information.

Your loan period is generally the current/next term for which you meet the loan application deadline, through the end of the academic year, and based on average borrower enrollment of 11 credits per term. Exceptions may be considered on an individual basis per a written request (retroactive eligibility may only be considered for consecutive terms where satisfactory academic progress was earned on at least half-time, aid-eligible enrollment). An updated Award Letter will be issued reflecting loan awards by type and term. The net amount will be divided into term disbursements (two within a single-term loan period) and applied to your RCC student account. To request a partial or full cancellation of funds already disbursed to your RCC student account, use the “Term Disbursement Notification” in the “Loan Status” section of myRogue within 14 days of issuance. To request a partial or full cancellation of a future disbursement(s), submit a new Loan Request/Revision Form to Rogue Central Services.

When Will You Receive the Money?

That depends. Funds can only be disbursed to your RCC student account after the U.S. Department of Education confirms that your accepted MPN is on file. You may check your MPN status at www.roguecc.edu/FinancialAid/status.asp, www.studentloans.gov, or by calling (800) 557-7394. Your net loan disbursement (term award, minus an origination fee of 1.069% if first disbursed prior to 10/1/17 and to-be-determined first disbursements 10/1/17-9/30/18) will be divided over the number of terms of your loan period (or by two for a single term loan period) and applied to your RCC student account as early as (see below, as applicable):

Estimated Term Disbursement Dates (Earliest date net term funds may be applied to your student account.)			
Term	Non-First-Time Borrowers*	First-Time Borrowers**	2nd Disbursement (Single Term Loans)
'17 Summer	on/after 07/05/17	08/10/2017	on/after 08/08/17
'17 Fall	on/after 09/18/17	10/26/2017	on/after 11/02/17
'18 Winter	on/after 01/02/18	02/08/2018	on/after 02/15/18
'18 Spring	on/after 03/26/18	05/03/2018	on/after 05/10/18

*Or 2-5 business days after Award Letter (whichever is later). **Freshman with no documented student loan history.

Note to First-Time Borrowers (Freshman who never previously borrowed): Before your first disbursement can be released, federal regulations require RCC to confirm you are still eligibly enrolled 30-days into the first term of your loan period.

Funding will first be applied toward any tuition/fee or authorized non-institutional charges that may have accumulated on your RCC student account. RCC will honor add/drop activity through Wednesday of the second week of each term. Any excess balance will be refunded to you via Higher One starting the second Friday of a term and twice weekly thereafter, through finals week.

Alert to Prior Borrowers:

To maintain borrower benefits, you need to know the status of your student loan(s). RCC recommends that you:

- Watch for and carefully review all student loan mail/email, keeping a folder of important documentation.
- Keep your contact information updated with your loan holder/servicer so they can always reach you.
- Monitor your debt and look up loan holder/servicer contact information at www.nslds.ed.gov.
- If you have questions about your loan or need to know your options if you are having trouble making your payments, contact your servicer immediately so your loan(s) remains in good standing and you stay eligible for borrower benefits.

Borrower Rights and Responsibilities Highlights:

- Only borrow as a last resort to meet real, educational needs. Debt can add up fast.
- Because RCC is open-enrollment, we require exit counseling each academic year that you borrow. You will be notified when it is time to complete online loan exit counseling. Pay attention to save money, effectively manage your debt, and navigate repayment.
- Consider the following:
 - Your current education-related need (<http://www.roguecc.edu/FinancialAid/17-18/Budget1.pdf>), not want
 - Your anticipated, entry-level income in your career (<https://careers.roguecc.edu/career.html>, select CIS Job Information)
 - Your estimated total student loan debt (budgetary need for each year you plan to be in school) and the resulting repayment burden based on an 8.25% interest rate and a standard, 10-year repayment (see chart on next page)

Aggregate Undergraduate Loan Debt	Estimated Monthly Payment Amount	Estimated Total Interest To-Be Paid	Estimated Annual Salary Needed to Afford Repayment (8% cap)
\$5,000	\$61	\$2,320	\$9,150
\$10,000	\$122	\$4,640	\$18,300
\$12,000	\$183	\$6,960	\$27,450
\$20,000	\$245	\$9,400	\$36,750
\$30,000	\$367	\$14,040	\$55,050
\$40,000	\$490	\$18,800	\$73,500
\$50,000	\$613	\$23,560	\$91,950
\$57,500	\$704	\$26,980	\$105,600

Repayment Highlights:

Before you borrow, understand some basics regarding repayment:

- **You will pay back your student loan debt**, including interest (4.45% for loans first disbursed on/after 7/1/17-6/30/18), fees (1.069% origination deducted from awards with a first disbursement prior to 10/1/17, tbd thereafter) or collection costs. The debt cannot be discharged in bankruptcy. If you get behind on payments and go into default (270 days past due), your wages and federal/state tax refunds may be garnished and professional licenses not renewed.
- Several **repayment plans** may be available. The Standard, 10-year repayment is cheapest, if you can afford it. Graduated, Extended, Income-Based/Pay-As-You-Earn,

Income-Contingent (Direct Loans only) or Income-Sensitive (FFEL Loans only), and other options you may be able to request of your loan servicer. Cautions: These options are more expensive over a longer repayment period, but may be an effective way to manage affordable monthly payments. Remaining balance forgiveness programs may sound good, but require that you meet certain eligibility factors such as being “low income” for an extended time and any forgiven portion may be taxed as income.

- If you have multiple loans, you may be eligible for **consolidation** (renegotiating student loan debt into one balance, making repayment easier to manage). Ask your servicer if you’re eligible and it is right for you. More information can be found at loanconsolidation.ed.gov or by calling the Loan Consolidation Center at 1-800-557-7392.
- If money is tight and you have trouble making a full, on-time payment, CALL YOUR SERVICER to request a **deferment** (ex. school, unemployment, economic hardship, education-related, service-related, temp. total disability, parental leave, public service) or **forbearance** (hardship, reduced payment, internship/residency, student loan debt burden, Dept. of Defense Loan Repayment Program, Corporation for National and Community Service Loan Repayment Program/hardship). Until granted, your payment is still due. If granted, your payment obligation will be temporarily reduced or cancelled, allowing you to avoid going into delinquency or default and suffering those consequences. Your servicer’s contact information can be found at www.nsls.ed.gov.

If you have determined that you **need** a student loan to meet your educational expenses while attending RCC, click “Apply” below.

RCC will certify your loan within 2-5 business days of receiving your complete Loan Request Form (*and for first-time-borrowers*, confirmation that you successfully completed required online and in-person loan entrance counseling). We will notify you of the amount certified and anticipated disbursements on an Award Letter. You’ll be able to monitor your 16/17 Student Loan Status by logging into myRogue, Financial Aid Status, Student Loan Status. Note that your information will be submitted to NSLDS and accessible by authorized agencies, loan servicers and institutions.

For questions about the loan application process, funding or repayment, visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans>, <https://studentloans.gov> or contact Rogue Central Services in person or by e-mail at rcc@rogucc.edu.