

# DIRECT STUDENT LOAN REQUEST

Loan requests processed at SCC are carefully considered to assure low default rates among loan borrowers. While we understand that loans are sometimes necessary, we encourage you to exhaust every possible means of assistance before requesting a loan, to borrow the absolute minimum amount you need and to have a reasonable expectation of how much you will earn after graduation. The average indebtedness of SCC students is \$8,750. Using the standard repayment plan, this indebtedness would require a monthly payment of **\$101 for 10 years.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or SCC ID \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## PERIOD FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING THE LOAN\* (check only one):

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall and Spring semesters         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall semester only   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall, Spring and Summer semesters | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring semester only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring and Summer semesters       | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer semester only |

\* To receive a loan disbursement, you must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for any combination of the terms within the semester.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR THE LOAN PERIOD \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This amount will be divided over the semester(s) of the loan period that you selected.

**Maximum amounts\*:** Grade Level 1 = \$3,500 (\$1,750 for 1 semester)  
Grade Level 2 = \$4,500 (\$2,250 for 1 semester)

You must be in an associate degree program and have earned at least 24 credit hours to be considered a grade level 2. Otherwise, you are a grade level 1.

What is your anticipated graduation date? (Month and Year) \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRANCE LOAN COUNSELING and SIGNING A MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE (MPN)

If you have not previously completed entrance loan counseling at SCC you must do so. If you have not previously signed a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) you must do so. To complete entrance loan counseling or to sign a MPN, go to [www.sccsc.edu/FinancialAid](http://www.sccsc.edu/FinancialAid). To the right under "Direct Loan Information" you will see "Entrance Loan Counseling" and "Sign Your Master Promissory Note". You can also go directly to <https://studentloans.gov>. To complete either you must have your Federal Student Aid PIN.

### How can you be contacted?

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

(All College correspondence will be sent to your SCC email address. Please check it regularly.)

\* Always inform the SCC records office of any change of mailing address or telephone number.

## FINANCIAL AID REVIEW (LOAN HISTORY)

You must go to <http://www.nslds.ed.gov> under "Financial Aid Review" to see your loan history and current loan debt. To sign in you will need your social security number (SSN), first two characters of your last name, your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) and your Federal Student Aid PIN. Review your current outstanding loan amounts. The amount displayed, plus interest, must be repaid in the future or the consequences will be detrimental to your credit history. *Can you afford to borrow additional loans?* **You must print out your loan history and attach it to this Direct Student Loan Request form to document you visited this site.** If you have not had any grants or loans, you will get a message stating "Your identifiers were not found". Print and attach this page to your Direct Student Loan Request form to document you visited this site. You should periodically check the information under "Financial Aid Review" to make sure your record is accurate and to track the amount of your student loan debt.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE WILLIAM D. FORD DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM**

Beginning in the fall 2010 semester, Spartanburg Community College (SCC) participates in the William D. Ford Direct Loan (DL) Program. Students receive funding for their federal student loans directly from the U.S. Department of Education instead of from a private bank or other lending institution in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

DL and FFELP have the same annual and aggregate loan limits, the same deferment and cancellation provisions and most of the same repayment plans. The interest rates are also the same. If you already have a Stafford loan through FFELP and will now be receiving a Direct Loan, consolidating your loans together into a Direct Consolidation loan may make loan repayment easier. If you consolidate, you will have just a single monthly payment. To learn more about when you may consolidate, the pros and cons of doing so and the application process, visit [www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov](http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov) or call 1-800-557-7392 (TDD/TTY: 1-800-557-7395).

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT and AUTHORIZATION**

*I certify all the information on this form is true and understand that all loan funds must be used exclusively for educational expenses. I agree to notify the SCC financial aid office of any change in enrollment and/or program of study. I understand that I must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours each semester to be eligible and must continue to meet the satisfactory academic progress policy. I acknowledge receipt of a "Repayment Comparison Chart" and "A Step-by-Step Budget Guide" and understand my responsibilities and the consequences of default.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\* For basic information and terminology about personal finances that will help you become financially independent and self-reliant through college and beyond, visit our website at [www.sccsc.edu/resources/dev/money](http://www.sccsc.edu/resources/dev/money).\*\***

#### ***Financial Aid Office Use Only:***

|                               |       |   |                     |
|-------------------------------|-------|---|---------------------|
| Is FAFSA complete?            | Y     | N |                     |
| Completed loan counseling?    | Y     | N | If yes, when? _____ |
| Direct Loan Request taken by: | _____ |   |                     |
| Handout given?                | Y     | N | Date _____          |

# A Step-by-Step Budget Guide...

Managing your repayment obligations is critical to establishing and maintaining a good credit history. You must repay a federal student loan. Before you take out a loan, make sure you fully understand your options and responsibilities. Do not borrow more than you need or more than you expect to be able to repay. Develop a sound and realistic financial plan. We are providing you with a budget worksheet and feel that it provides a good starting point. Be realistic about how much money you will earn. For basic information and terminology about personal finances that will help you become financially independent and self-reliant through college and beyond, visit our website at [www.sccsc.edu/resources/dev/money](http://www.sccsc.edu/resources/dev/money).

|  | MONTHLY | YEARLY |
|--|---------|--------|
| <b>I. Projected Available Funds</b>    |         |        |
| Take Home Pay                          | _____   | _____  |
| Other Regular Income (after tax)       | _____   | _____  |
| <b>Total After Tax Income</b>          | _____   | _____  |
| <b>II. Expenses</b>                    |         |        |
| Savings ( <i>Pay Yourself First!</i> ) | _____   | _____  |
| Education Loan Payments                | _____   | _____  |
| Housing                                | _____   | _____  |
| Utilities                              | _____   | _____  |
| Transportation                         | _____   | _____  |
| Clothing                               | _____   | _____  |
| Grocery Items                          | _____   | _____  |
| Credit (loans, credit cards, etc.)     | _____   | _____  |
| Personal Expenses                      | _____   | _____  |
| Medical Expenses                       | _____   | _____  |
| Child Care                             | _____   | _____  |
| Entertainment                          | _____   | _____  |
| Miscellaneous                          | _____   | _____  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                  | _____   | _____  |
| <b>III. The Bottom Line</b>            |         |        |
| Total Income                           | _____   | _____  |
| Minus Total Expenses                   | _____   | _____  |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>           | _____   | _____  |

## Undergraduate Federal Direct Loans for 2011/2012 with Standard Repayment Plan (Repayment Comparison Chart)

| <b>Loan Amount</b> | <b># of Payments</b> | <b>Monthly Payment Amount</b> | <b>Total Interest Paid</b> | <b>Total Amount Repaid @ 6.8% Interest</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>\$3,500</b>     | 90                   | \$50.00                       | \$971                      | \$4,471                                    |
| <b>\$5,500</b>     | 120                  | \$63.29                       | \$2,095                    | \$7,595                                    |
| <b>\$7,500</b>     | 120                  | \$86.31                       | \$2,857                    | \$10,357                                   |
| <b>\$9,500</b>     | 120                  | \$109.33                      | \$3,620                    | \$13,120                                   |
| <b>\$11,500</b>    | 120                  | \$132.34                      | \$4,381                    | \$15,881                                   |
| <b>\$13,500</b>    | 120                  | \$155.36                      | \$5,143                    | \$18,643                                   |
| <b>\$15,500</b>    | 120                  | \$178.37                      | \$5,904                    | \$21,404                                   |
| <b>\$17,500</b>    | 120                  | \$201.39                      | \$6,667                    | \$24,167                                   |
| <b>\$19,500</b>    | 120                  | \$224.41                      | \$7,429                    | \$26,929                                   |
| <b>\$21,500</b>    | 120                  | \$247.42                      | \$8,190                    | \$29,690                                   |
| <b>\$23,500</b>    | 120                  | \$270.44                      | \$8,953                    | \$32,453                                   |
| <b>\$25,500</b>    | 120                  | \$293.45                      | \$9,714                    | \$35,214                                   |
| <b>\$27,500</b>    | 120                  | \$316.47                      | \$10,476                   | \$37,976                                   |
| <b>\$29,500</b>    | 120                  | \$339.49                      | \$11,239                   | \$40,739                                   |

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