

FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM FACTS:

- Program is ending September 30, 2017- No additional loans will be available under the Federal Perkins Loan Program after that date.
- Current undergraduate borrowers with outstanding Perkins loan balance must be awarded the maximum Direct Subsidized Loan before being awarded Perkins loan.
- New Perkins undergraduate borrowers must be awarded the maximum Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans before being awarded Perkins loan.
- If your eligibility changes, your Federal Perkins Loan may be cancelled.
- The repayment and forgiveness options for Federal Direct Loans are not available for Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Perkins Loan may be consolidated with Federal Direct Loans
 - **Benefits include:**
 - One monthly payment- a consolidation loan combines the borrower's eligible loans into a single loan. To learn more: www.studentaid.gov/consolidation.
 - More Repayment Options- Students having difficulty keeping up with student loan payments may choose an alternative repayment plan, if consolidated with a Federal Direct Loan. Consolidation programs may have a lower monthly payments on the new loans, however it should be noted that extending repayment terms also adds more total interest to the loan.
 - **Drawbacks include:**
 - The loss of cancellations benefits- To learn about eligibility requirements of the Perkins cancellation program, please review the Perkins Loan Master Promissory Note. When Perkins loans are consolidated alongside other outstanding federal loans, the cancellation benefit is eliminated.

FEDERAL LOAN INTEREST RATE INFORMATION & COMPARISON

Perkins interest rate is fixed at 5%. The interest rate for the Direct Stafford Loan is determined annually for new loans that are made between July 1 of one year and June 30 of the following year. Each loan will have a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan. View the latest interest rate information at StudentAid.gov/interest.

<u>Loan Program</u>	<u>Current Interest Rates</u>
Perkins	5.0% Fixed
Stafford	4.29% Fixed Undergrad 5.84% Fixed Grad
PLUS	6.84% Fixed

