### Program Description
- **Subsidized / Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - Low interest loans designed to provide students with additional funds for college.
  - For subsidized Stafford Loans the federal government pays (subsidizes) the interest which accrues during in-school, grace, and deferment periods.
  - For unsubsidized Stafford Loans the interest which accrues during in-school, grace and deferment periods may be paid by the student or capitalized**. Students are not required to make payments on Stafford Loans until after their in-school and grace periods are over.
  - These are loans that must be repaid.
- **Additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - A low interest loan designed to provide students with additional funds for college. The federal government does not pay (subsidize) the interest which accrues during in-school, grace and deferment periods.
  - The unsubsidized Stafford Loan can be borrowed in conjunction with a subsidized Stafford as long as the maximum annual or aggregate loan limit for Federal Stafford Loans has not been exceeded.
  - These are loans that must be repaid.

### Eligibility
- **Subsidized / Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - Eligibility for subsidized portions of this loan is need-based.
  - Eligibility for unsubsidized portions of this loan are not need-based but amounts must be within student’s cost of attendance.
  - Enrolled at least half time (6 credits or more)
- **Additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - Eligibility is not need-based.
  - Independent students are eligible. Dependent students whose parents are denied the Federal Parent PLUS Loan are eligible to apply.
  - Enrolled at least half time (6 credits or more)

### Annual Loan Limits **
- **Subsidized / Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - $8,500 Graduate Students
- **Additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - $12,000 Graduate Students

### Lifetime Loan Limit
- **Subsidized / Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - $65,500 for Graduate Students
- **Additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**
  - $138,500 for Graduate Students (subsidized and unsubsidized combined)

### Repayment
- Begins 6 months after graduation or when the student drops below half-time (6 credits).

### Repayment Terms
- Up to 10 Years

### Fees***
- 1.5% federal origination fee**
- 1% guarantee fee (HESC pays this fee for you)

### Disbursement
- Via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly to school for participating lenders. Non EFT participating lenders will disburse via paper check.

### Interest Rate
- Fixed at 6.8%

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** When capitalized, most lenders add the interest to the principal once at repayment.

** All loan limits apply to loans made on or after July 1, 2007. Origination and insurance (guarantee) premiums are deducted from all loan proceeds before disbursement. Loan amounts are distributed in multiple disbursements according to school’s schedule.

*** Some lenders waive this 1.5% fee as part of their repayment benefits for students. See ‘Comparison’ on page 4. Origination fees will decrease to 1% in 2008-09, to .5% in 2009-10, and 0% in 2010-11.

- Please be aware that withdrawing from classes can affect your Stafford Loans as well as other aid you are receiving that semester. Please refer to your Student Handbook on Institution Refund Policies and Procedures. If you are planning on withdrawing and still unsure about how it will affect your Stafford Loans or other aid, please call Student Financial Services at your campus.
- Any changes to a processed loan application may decrease your eligibility and delay the disbursement of funds.
- Check current tuition rates at www.fordham.edu/finaid. Click on “Tuition Rates & Fees / Cost of Attendance”.
- The amount of the subsidized loan is determined by the University budget for the loan period, minus financial aid, minus student FAFSA contribution equals need and subsidized loan amount.

PLEASE NOTE: To be eligible for Stafford Loans, borrowers must be U.S. citizen or permanent legal residents matriculated in a degree granting programs, and enrolled in at least six credits each term in the loan period (summer I and II can be combined). In addition, male students must satisfy requirements under the Selective Service Act. If you are in default on a prior loan or owe a refund of grant money, you will not be able to borrow further. Loan awards together with all aid cannot exceed the cost of education. A federal needs analysis document must be filled out before a loan application can be processed. If you have not already done so you should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.