

**2009-2010 GRAD PLUS  
Loan Request Form**

**In order to request loan funds for your GRAD PLUS loan, please complete the form below using these instructions:**

- A new form is required for each loan period (fall/spring, summer, etc.). Extra forms are available at [www.samford.edu/admin/finaid/forms.html](http://www.samford.edu/admin/finaid/forms.html).
- You may submit the form via mail, fax (205-726-2738) or in person; if you submit the form by fax, please do not mail a duplicate copy.
- Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing, during which you may view the status of your submitted loan request form via the Banner tab through the Samford Portal at [www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu).
- Your loan servicer, guarantor or lender will communicate with you using your permanent address regarding the status (approval or denial) of your loan, steps to appeal a denial, and instructions to electronically sign (or e-sign) the MPN (Master Promissory Note), if necessary. An MPN must be current with the lender or they will not disburse the funds to Samford electronically.
- Federal regulations require that loan funds be disbursed to Samford University no earlier than 10 days prior to the first day of your class for a specific term. At that time, your loan disbursement will credit your Student Account; if there is a credit remaining, a refund check will be processed by the Bursar's Office.
- If your enrollment drops below half-time, you withdraw, or you receive a late award (scholarship, outside resource, grant, departmental award, etc.), your loan amount may be reduced and/or cancelled. If you know you are receiving an outside resource that is not listed on your award, you should complete the Outside Resource Form found at [www.samford.edu/admin/finaid/forms.html](http://www.samford.edu/admin/finaid/forms.html) before completing this loan request form.

<b>1. Student Last Name:</b> _____		<b>2. Student First Name:</b> _____		<b>3. Student Middle Name:</b> _____																
<b>4. Student Social Security Number (required for loan certification):</b> _____			<b>5. Student Date of Birth:</b> _____																	
<b>6. Student Contact Phone Number:</b> _____			<b>7. Student Expected Graduation Date:</b> _____																	
<b>8. Student Type &amp; Loan Period (mark only one loan period below):</b> *The fall only loan period is used for students graduating December 2009 only.																				
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<u>SUMMER ONLY</u> Summer forms will be available on the web April 2010.																				
<b>9. Loan Amount &amp; Lender (mark only one):</b>																				
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to borrow the maximum amount for which I'm eligible for the term marked above.																				
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to borrow a lesser amount (specify your requested amount greater than \$100)      →      =      \$ _____ .00 TOTAL																				
<b>10. Lender Choice:</b> Write your lender's name and 6-digit lender code below. See Lender Choice at <a href="http://www.samford.edu/admin/finaid/loans.html">www.samford.edu/admin/finaid/loans.html</a> .																				
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to use my previous lender while attending Samford University, if applicable (i.e., several lenders are no longer processing Grad PLUS loans).																				
Lender Name: _____			Lender code:  __ __ __ __ __ __																	

**By signing my name below, I certify that all information listed above is valid. I also acknowledge that I READ and UNDERSTAND the ENTRANCE COUNSELING information explained on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this form and request that Samford University certify these loan funds on my behalf.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For Office Use Only:*

FA Initials: _____	Date Certified: _____	Loan Period: 10 _____	Type: PLUGS
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## GRAD PLUS LOAN ENTRANCE COUNSELING

Read the following information carefully before signing this application.

- The Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a legally binding document that sets the terms of my student loans, and is valid for up to 10 years from the date I sign it. Each year the Office of Financial Aid will notify me of the loan amount for which I am eligible, and will give me the opportunity to accept or reduce the amount.
- This is a loan that **must** be repaid.
- I must repay the loan in accordance with the terms provided by the lender.
- I must notify my lender within 30 calendar days, in writing, if any of the following events occur before the loan is repaid in full:
  - A. I fail to enroll in school for the intended loan period.
  - B. I withdraw from school or drop below halftime.
  - C. I transfer from one school to another.
  - D. I graduate from school.
  - E. I change my name through marriage, etc.
  - F. I change my address.
- I understand that I must repay the full amount of the loan even if I do not obtain a degree, am unable to secure employment after graduating, or am dissatisfied with the educational program.
- If I qualify for a deferment of repayment, I must provide the lender with written evidence of my eligibility and notify lender as soon as the condition for which the deferment was granted no longer exists.
- If I fail to make any repayment when it is due, the entire unpaid indebtedness, including interest, shall, at the option of the lender or any other holder of the promissory note, become immediately due and payable.
- I may, at my option and without penalty, prepay at any time all or any part of the principal or accrued interest of this loan. The approved lender must return the original promissory note to me when I have paid the loan in full.
- I am expected to make monthly payments promptly and I am to submit monthly payments beginning six months after I graduate.

- I understand that, if I fail to honor my obligation for payment on my student loan(s) and I default, the lender or guarantee agency will use legal means to collect the amount due. In addition, I become responsible for collection costs and attorney fees.
- I have authorized the lender to investigate my credit record and report to appropriate persons and credit bureaus my repayment performance under the loan agreement.
- If I default, I could owe the entire balance of the loan. My lender could report my loan status to the credit bureau, which may adversely affect my credit rating. Upon request, the lender must describe any arrangements it has made with credit bureau organizations concerning students' loans. The lender may institute legal action to force me to repay my loan.
- The approved lender must provide me with Terms of Repayment before the repayment period begins. The provisions of the repayment schedule must conform to the provisions in the Notice of Loan Guarantee and Disclosure Statement.
- If I am willing but financially unable to make repayments under my loan schedule, I may request the lender to grant forbearance on the loan(s) and allow any of the following:
  - A. A short period during which no payments are made.
  - B. An extension of time for making payments.
  - C. Smaller payments than were originally scheduled.
- The approved lender must keep on file a copy of the state and federal laws and regulations that govern the Federal Family Education Loan Program. I have the right to examine these materials.
- I understand that upon graduation or ceasing to be enrolled at least half-time, I will be required to complete Loan Exit Counseling.
- For additional information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (205) 726-2905, (800) 888-7245, or by visiting the Financial Aid Web site at **www.samford.edu**.

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