

Private Loan Request—Federal Loans not Accepted or Declined

Section A

You applied for a private student loan and the financial aid office cannot process this loan without additional information from you. You qualify for federal loans but have yet to accept them or have declined these loans.

In accordance with Illinois General Assembly HB2746 Know Before You Owe Private Education Loan Act, this form must be completed and returned prior to certification of the private student loan request received. For more information on federal student loans go to <https://studentaid.gov>.

Complete this form, sign, and return to the Financial Aid Office.

Do you plan to borrow the Federal Direct Loans you are eligible and exhaust those funds before borrowing from a private lender?

- No—complete Section B of this form
- Yes—if declined, loans will be reinstated, you will then need to accept your federal loans.

Section B

Initial to certify the following statements:

_____ I understand that interest rates and fees paid on a private student loan are based on my credit score and the credit score of my cosigner, if any.

_____ I understand that the interest rates for federal student loans are fixed and may offer a more favorable rate.

_____ I understand that repayment terms between federal student loans and private student loans vary significantly. Federal student loans offer multiple repayment plans with opportunities for forbearance and/or deferment if I am unable to make payments. Private lenders create their own repayment plans.

_____ I understand if my private student loan request is more than my cost of attendance minus my other aid, I Illinois State University may certify less than the amount requested.

_____ I will not borrow my federal student loans and request that Illinois State University certify the private student loan I have applied for through a private lender.