

LOANS (excerpted from 2008-2009 Financing Your Legal Education handout)

- **[William D. Ford Federal Direct \(Stafford\) Loan Program](#)**

Subsidized. The interest rate is 6.8%. Interest does not begin to accrue, nor will principal payments begin, until six months after the student is no longer enrolled at least half time. Students must show financial need through the [FAFSA process](#). The annual (e.g. August 2008 through July 2009) maximum is \$8,500.

Unsubsidized. The interest rate is 6.8%. Payment on the principal and interest may be deferred, but interest does accrue from the time of disbursement. If payment on the interest is deferred, the interest is capitalized. Students must show eligibility through the [FAFSA process](#). The maximum for the Subsidized plus the Unsubsidized Ford Federal Direct (Stafford) Loan program is \$20,500.

- **Federal Perkins Loan.** The Federal Perkins Loan is awarded, as funds are available, to a very limited number of students who demonstrate exceptional financial need through the [FAFSA process](#). The interest rate is 5%. Interest does not accrue and principal payments are deferred until nine months after you are no longer enrolled at least half-time. Federal Perkins Loan awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000.
- **The University of Iowa Law Foundation Loan.** The University of Iowa Law Foundation Loan is awarded, as funds are available, to a limited number of students who demonstrate exceptional financial need through the [FAFSA process](#). The interest rate is 5%. Interest does not accrue, and interest and principal payments are deferred until six months after you are no longer enrolled at least half-time. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000.
- **GRAD Plus Loan.** The Grad Plus loan is a federal educational loan that may be available to assist those students who have not had their entire student financial aid budget met through other financial aid programs. The interest rate is 7.9%. Interest does accrue while the student is in school. A credit check is required
- <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/graduate/plus.html>