

## Important Financial Aid Federal Processing Updates 2010-2011

Defiance College will be initiating a new process for applying for student loans. Under the direction of the U. S. Department of Education, Defiance College will be transitioning to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program beginning summer 2010. All Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans and Federal PLUS loans will be originated, guaranteed, disbursed, and serviced through the U.S. Department of Education. This process is called Direct Lending.

The terms of the Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized and Federal PLUS Loans have not changed. Direct Loans still have the same interest rate, annual and aggregate loan limits and 6 month grace period. The difference is in the servicing of the loans; meaning that repayment of the loan is paid directly to the Department of Education rather than a lender.

All students who wish to borrow Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized or Parent PLUS Loans for any upcoming semester must complete a new Master Promissory Note at [www.direct.ed.gov](http://www.direct.ed.gov). It will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

What do I need to do?

1-Log onto [www.direct.ed.gov](http://www.direct.ed.gov)

2-Click the Student ICON or Parent ICON (for PLUS Loans) 3-Click the eMPN (electronic Master Promissory Note) link in the menu bar on the left side of the page 4-Log in using your FAFSA PIN

5-Complete the Master Promissory Note

You will need two references, complete with street address, city, state, zip, phone and if applicable email. References are not co-signers, they are people who can assist the department of education should they need to reach you regarding questions on your loan.

It is recommended that students complete this process as soon as possible to avoid any delays in processing for summer or fall semesters. Please let the financial aid office know if you have any questions. We can be reached at 419-783-2458 or [financialaid@defiance.edu](mailto:financialaid@defiance.edu) .

Sincerely,

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