A variety of optional financing tools are available to students and parents who wish to manage the cost of a Macalester education over time. Several options are listed below.

**FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN**

- Available to students who are US citizens or permanent residents.
- Annual loan limits are based on the student’s year in school:

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<th>Dependent Student Annual Limit</th>
<th>Base Eligibility$</th>
<th>Additional Unsubsidized Eligibility</th>
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<td>Freshman</td>
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1 Eligibility for subsidy on the base amount is determined by the results of the FAFSA.
2 The total amount of Direct Loan is limited to cost of attendance minus other financial aid.

- The 2023-2024 fixed interest rate for subsidized and unsubsidized loans is 5.49%.
- Subsidized Direct Loans do not accrue interest while the student is enrolled at least half-time.
- Standard repayment term is 10 years.
- Loan fee = 1.057% of loan amount.
- FAFSA must be filed.
- Contact the Financial Aid Office or visit studentaid.gov for more information.
- Visit macalester.edu/financialaid/forms/macalester_loan_disclosure.pdf for additional information.

**FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN**

- Available to custodial and noncustodial parents.
- Maximum loan amount = cost of education minus financial aid received.
- Loan fee = 4.228% of loan amount.
- The 2023-2024 fixed interest rate for Federal Direct PLUS Loans is 8.05%.
- Standard repayment period is ten years and begins 60 days after loan disbursement.
- To initiate a PLUS Loan application, visit studentaid.gov or complete Macalester’s PLUS Loan Request Form at macalester.edu/financialaid/forms.
- For more information, visit studentaid.gov.

**ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL LOANS**

Educational loans that are not part of the Federal Student Aid program are often referred to as alternative, supplemental, or private loans. For additional information, visit: macalester.edu/financialaid/loans/alternative.

**NELNET CAMPUS COMMERCE (NELNET) PAYMENT PLAN**

This optional plan allows families to make multiple payments each semester.

- Families may pay all or part of educational costs through the payment plan.
- $85 annual non-refundable enrollment fee.
- Option of making 9 to 12 monthly payments.
- Starting date ranges from April 1 to August 3, depending on the plan.
- Automatic deduction on the 5th of the month.

The first monthly payment is due according to an established schedule for each plan. For more information, call (800) 609-8056 or visit mycollegepaymentplan.com/macalester-college.

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