

Loan for Disadvantaged Students

The LDS loan is a subsidized fixed rate loan of 5%. Awards are determined during spring semesters, with limited funding made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The purpose of this loan is to provide funding with low interest rates to students who are considered in need. A student's need is determined by the SOM Financial Aid office by using information provided on the FAFSA for both students and parents.

The Financial Aid office will determine how much a student is able to receive based on their need, the available resources for the award year and other criteria listed.

Qualifications

- List parental financial information on the FAFSA
- Be enrolled fulltime in a degree earning a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy.
- Be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Demonstrate financial need – determined by the financial aid office
- Maintain academic standing
- Be registered with Selective Services
- No be defaulted in federal student loans or owe money towards a federal grant refund.
- Complete the verification process, that verifies student and parental information on the FAFSA (may need to provide tax documents as well).

*The department of Health and Human Services require parental information to determine need.

Repaying the LDS loan

- Repayment starts after a 12-month grace period following a drop of fulltime enrollment.
- The 5% interest starts to accrue (on the principal balance) after the grace period unless you are eligible to defer the payment.
- Eligible to defer while in medical residency.
- At the discretion of the institution, loan terms will be set at no less than 10 years and no more than 25 years.
- The LDS loan **IS** eligible to consolidate with the Federal Loan Consolidation.