

UNDERGRADUATE DIRECT LOAN INCREASE

Effective 7/1/08 the "Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008" increased *undergraduate* Direct Loans* as follows:

Year in College	Base Amount	New! Additional <i>Unsubsidized</i> Amount	Annual Total
Freshman	\$3500	\$2000	\$5500
Sophomore	\$4500	\$2000	\$6500
Junior/Senior	\$5500	\$2000	\$7500

Note that these additional amounts are unsubsidized Direct Loans and *interest accrues from the time of disbursement*. The interest rate on unsubsidized loans is 6.8%.

Depending on a student's eligibility, the "base amount" may be wholly subsidized, wholly unsubsidized, or a subsidized/unsubsidized combination.

The aggregate totals (the overall total amount that may be borrowed for an undergraduate course of study) have also been amended by this Act as follows:

Dependent Undergraduates: \$31,000 (no more than \$23,000 may be subsidized).
Independent Undergraduates: \$57,500 (no more than \$23,000 may be subsidized).

* The "Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008" changes apply to both the Federal Family Educational Loan Program and the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. HSU participates in the Direct Loan program.