

# Rhode Island Student Loan Authority

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## Loan Interest Rate & Fees

Academic Year: 2021/22

RISLA STUDENT LOAN

Your interest rate will be between

**3.24%** and **4.99%**

After the rate is set, it will be fixed for the life of the loan.

### Your Interest Rate (upon approval)

The interest rate you pay will be determined based on your repayment choice. If you choose immediate repayment your interest rate will be **3.24%-3.99%**. If you choose to defer your repayment while the student is in school your interest rate will be **4.99%**

### Your Interest Rate during the life of the loan

**Your rate is fixed.** This means that your rate will remain constant throughout the life of the loan. For more information on this rate, see the Reference Notes.

Your rate will never change throughout the life of the loan. The interest rate is determined by your repayment option choice and will remain constant.

## Loan Fees

**Late Charge:** 6% of the late payment amount. **Returned Check Fee:** \$10.

## Loan Cost Examples

The total amount you will pay for this loan will vary depending upon when you start to repay it. This example provides estimates based upon two (2) repayment options available to you while enrolled in school.

| Repayment Options   | Amount Provided<br>(amount provided directly to your school) | Interest Rate<br>(highest possible starting rate) | Loan Term<br>(how long you have to pay off the loan)                  | Total paid over term of loan |
|---|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| <b>1. Immediate Repayment Option</b><br>(0% Origination Fee)<br>Rhode Island Students attending school in any state or Non-Rhode Island Students attending a school in Rhode Island | \$10,000   | 3.24%   | 10-year, first payment is due 45 days <u>after</u> last disbursement. | <b>\$11,799.74</b>           |
| <b>Immediate Repayment Option</b><br>(0% Origination Fee)<br>Non-Rhode Island Students attending school outside of Rhode Island   | \$10,000   | 3.99%   | 10-year, first payment is due 45 days <u>after</u> last disbursement. | <b>\$12,244.47</b>           |
| <b>2. Deferred Repayment Option</b><br>(0% Origination Fee)   |  |   |   |                              |
| <b>Undergraduate</b>  | \$10,000   | 4.99%   | 15-year Repayment begins 6 months after student leaves school.        | <b>\$17,297.12</b>           |
| <b>Graduate</b>   | \$10,000   | 4.99%   |   | <b>\$15,878.31</b>           |

### About this example

Assumptions: **ALL EXAMPLES:** Equal disbursements of \$5000 in September and January. **10-YEAR IMMEDIATE REPAYMENT:** Loanenters repayment 15 days after the final disbursement at which time outstanding interest is capitalized and a 120-month repayment term begins. **DEFERRED REPAYMENT OPTION (UNDERGRADUATE):** Fifty-four (54) months pass (48 months in-school and 6 months grace) at which time accrued interest is capitalized and a 180-month repayment term begins. **DEFERRED REPAYMENT OPTION (GRADUATE)** Thirty (30) months pass (24 months in-school and 6 months grace) at which time accrued interest is capitalized and a 180-month repayment term begins.

## Federal Loan Alternatives

| Loan program  | Current Interest Rates by Program Type |   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>PERKINS</b><br>for Students                                    | 5.00% fixed                            |   |
| <b>STAFFORD</b><br>for Students                                   | 3.73% fixed                            | Undergraduate subsidized                            |
|   | 3.73% fixed<br>5.28% fixed             | Undergraduate unsubsidized<br>Graduate unsubsidized |
| <b>PLUS</b><br>for Parents and Graduate/<br>Professional Students | 6.28% fixed                            | Federal Direct Loan                                 |

### You may qualify for Federal education loans.

For additional information, contact your school's financial aid office or the Department of Education at:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov>

## Next Steps

### 1. Find Out About Other Loan Options.

Some schools have school-specific student loan benefits and terms not detailed on this form. Contact your school's financial aid office or visit the Department of Education's web site at: <https://studentaid.ed.gov> for more information about other loans.

### 2. To Apply for this Loan, Complete the Application and the Self-Certification Form.

You may get the self-certification form from your school's financial aid office or your lender's website. If your loan is approved, the self-certification form will also be sent with your approval disclosure. This form must be signed and returned to your lender before any funds can be disbursed to your school. If you are approved for this loan, the loan terms will be available for 45 days and will not change during this period.

## REFERENCE NOTES

### Fixed Interest Rate

- The interest rate on your loan is fixed for the life of the loan. Interest on this loan accrues during the in-school period and is capitalized upon entering repayment. The borrower does have the option to pay interest on this loan monthly during the in-school period.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Both borrowers must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

### Bankruptcy Limitations

- If you file for bankruptcy you may still be required to pay back this loan.

**More information about loan eligibility and repayment deferral or forbearance options is available in your loan application and loan agreement.**

### State Notice:

**Virginia Residents:** Private education loans are one tool that students use to finance their education. Your lender and your institution's Financial Aid Office provide assistance with eligibility for the loans. For borrowers who have existing private education loans, Virginia has a Student Loan Advocate to assist borrowers who are struggling with repayment. You can contact the Student Loan Advocate at: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, James Monroe Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 101 N.14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219; [studentloan@schev.edu](mailto:studentloan@schev.edu); 804-786-2832. In addition, resources for prospective and current private education loan borrowers are available online at [schev.edu/privateloan](https://schev.edu/privateloan)