

# FINANCIAL AID OFFER GUIDE



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# UNDERSTANDING YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER LETTER

The Financial Aid Offer Letter is made up of three sections:

## SECTION ONE

Your financial aid listed in this section is based on the information provided on your FASFA form. Any change in your eligibility since you filed your application or receipt of any additional aid from outside sources may result in an adjustment to your need-based aid. If you are selected for verification you will receive written instructions in mid-April. **Please note that your offer letter is subject to change based on completed verification.**

## SECTION TWO

This lists the types and amount of financial aid you, the student, are eligible to receive at King’s College for the year. You will see the award totals for the semester and a grand total of all aid for the year. Indicate next to each scholarship/grant/loan by putting a "X" next to the "Y" to accept or next to the "N" to reject that award.

## SECTION THREE

The **Terms and Conditions** of the offer letter appears on the back. **It is your responsibility to understand and comply with these terms for the receipt of financial aid.**

# STEP BY STEP: HOW TO DETERMINE THE COST

**Step 1:** Determine your estimated direct costs (those billed by King’s College) for next year by using the costs associated with your housing status at King’s College. They are listed in the chart below. Additional fees will be added to your summer bill statement based on major at King's. Freshman students have an orientation fee of \$211 and transfer students have a fee of \$111.

| ESTIMATED 2021-2022 ANNUAL DIRECT COST |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | Resident<br><i>(living in college housing)</i> | Commuter<br><i>(living with relatives)</i> |
| Tuition and Fees                       | \$40,880                                       | \$40,880                                   |
| Wellness Fee                           | \$422  |  |
| Room and Board                         | \$14,286                                       |  |
| TOTAL COST                             | \$55,588                                       | \$40,880                                   |

**Step 2:** Deduct the total financial aid listed on your offer letter from the total cost to arrive at the amount not covered by financial aid. Divide this figure by two to determine the cost per semester.

**Subtract any work study amount listed on your offer letter.** Work study awards indicate student eligibility only and are not guaranteed awards. Work study funds are wages that are earned and are paid to the student on a bi-weekly basis based upon the hours worked.

**Step 3:** Compare your offer letters and cost information from all schools to determine the true cost at each college you are considering. Below are a few tips for comparing financial aid offers:

- The largest financial aid package does not always mean the lowest cost to you.
- Housing status and meal plan may change direct cost at each school.
- Be sure to evaluate the type of awards posted on your letter. You want to compare total “gift aid” (grants, scholarships) and total “self help aid” (loans, work study) between Financial Aid Offers.

## The Federal Direct Student Loan

If you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and received a financial aid offer letter, your eligibility for the Federal Direct Student Loan is included on your offer. The amount that can be borrowed through the Direct Student Loan is determined by your grade level and dependency status. Dependent Freshmen can borrow up to \$3,500 in a Subsidized and \$2,000 in an Unsubsidized Direct Student Loan. If you would like to borrow a Direct Student Loan but have not filed the FAFSA, you can still file one at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). **The FAFSA must be completed each year in order for a Federal Direct Student Loan to be processed.** If you are a new Direct Student Loan borrower, you must complete a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Loan Counseling. This is required by the federal government and can be completed at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

For students enrolled as regular students in eligible programs, annual Federal Direct Student Loan limits are as follows on the chart shown.

In the case of a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan denial, a dependent undergraduate student may be eligible to receive the additional Unsubsidized Direct Student Loan in the amount indicated above based upon their grade level.

Students are eligible to borrow the maximum amount for their grade level each year provided they are meeting satisfactory academic progress requirements and are not in excess of educational costs or maximum loan limits set by federal regulation.

Students who change grade level after the fall semester may receive an increased loan limit for the spring and must submit a loan request to the financial aid office.

Interest rates are set annually on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Current rates for Undergraduate subsidized and unsubsidized loans are 2.75%. Origination fees are 1.059%. Interest rates for Unsubsidized Graduate loans are 4.30%; origination fees are 4.36%.

| GRADE LEVEL AND LOAN ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS   |         |                     |                       |
|---|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| The following is the grade level classification used by King’s College to determine loan eligibility for <b>Dependent Undergraduate Students</b>  |         |                     |                       |
| Level   | Credits | Subsidized Stafford | Unsubsidized Stafford |
| Freshmen  | 0+      | \$3,500             | \$2,000               |
| Sophomores  | 30+     | 4,500               | 2,000                 |
| Juniors   | 60+     | 5,500               | 2,000                 |
| Seniors   | 90+     | 5,500               | 2,000                 |
| The following is the grade level classification used by King’s College to determine loan eligibility for <b>Independent Undergraduate Students and Dependent Students Whose Parents cannot borrow a Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan</b> |         |                     |                       |
| Level   | Credits | Subsidized Stafford | Unsubsidized Stafford |
| Freshmen  | 0+      | \$3,500             | \$6,000               |
| Sophomores  | 30+     | 4,500               | 6,000                 |
| Juniors   | 60+     | 5,500               | 7,000                 |
| Seniors   | 90+     | 5,500               | 7,000                 |
| Level   | Credits |                     | Unsubsidized Stafford |
| Graduate and Professional Students  | -       |                     | \$20,500              |





## ADDITIONAL FINANCING OPTIONS: FILLING IN THE GAPS

When a family needs assistance in addition to what has already been awarded to the student in their financial aid letter, there are several options. You can use one or more to cover your remaining balance.

### Tuition Payment Plans

King's College has partnered with a third party vendor, Nelnet, to accommodate students and authorized payers who wish to make tuition payments monthly. You can contact Nelnet by phone 800-609-8056 or online by using this link: [online.campuscommerce.com/signin/4MSLN](https://online.campuscommerce.com/signin/4MSLN) to set up a payment plan. Use the Zip Code of 18711 when looking up King's College under institution. Payment plans can be set up for Fall and Spring semesters. All questions regarding the payment plan, need to be directed to Nelnet customer service.

### Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

A Direct Parent PLUS Loan is a federal loan that parents can borrow to pay for their children's education. Credit-worthy parents and stepparents of dependent undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time are eligible to apply. Parents may borrow up to the Cost of Attendance (including expenses for books, transportation, personal, etc.) minus the financial aid awarded.



### Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Amounts, Interest Rates, Fees, Disbursements and Repayment Options

- The amount of the Direct Parent PLUS Loan that can be borrowed is the difference between the student's total cost of education minus the amount of financial aid received by the student.
- Repayment of principal and interest usually begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed for the year. Typically, repayment would begin 60 days after the spring semester disbursement.
- Other Direct Parent PLUS repayment options include:
  - Deferment of principal and interest while the student is enrolled at least half-time and for six months after student ceases to be enrolled half-time
  - Graduated repayment over a fixed period of time not to exceed 10 years
  - Extended repayment not to exceed 25 years as long as more than \$30,000 is borrowed
- Direct Parent PLUS Loans have a fixed interest rate. Interest is charged on Direct Parent PLUS Loans during all periods, beginning on the date of the first loan disbursement. A Parent PLUS borrower may pay the interest as it accrues during a deferment or allow it to accrue and be capitalized (added on to the principal) at the end of the deferment period. Interest rates and origination fees are set annually on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Current interest rate is 5.03% and the origination fee is 4.236%.

### Direct Parent PLUS Loan Requirements

Parents Must:

- Be sure the Student has a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file for the academic year.
- Be the dependent student's natural parent, adoptive parent or in some cases, step-parent. Parent applying for Plus Loan must be listed on Students' Account.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Not be in default on an education loan
- Be creditworthy

Dependent Undergraduates Must:

- Be accepted for enrollment or enrolled on at least a half-time basis
- Be making satisfactory academic progress
- Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program
- Not be in default on an education loan
- If required, be registered with Selective Service







# PRIVATE EDUCATION LOANS

Education loans are available to students who have a credit-worthy co-signer. These loans do not have the same interest rates, repayment terms, fees or eligibility criteria as federal loans. Therefore we recommend you borrow from federal loan programs (Subsidized/Unsubsidized, PLUS) before considering alternative loans.

- To begin reviewing private education loan options, go to [elmselect.com](http://elmselect.com).
- Enter *King's College*. You will be presented with a list of lenders who offer alternative loans. We recommend that you investigate each lender carefully before selecting one that best suits your needs. This list represents a small sample of private education loans available and King's College does not endorse any one lender.

# WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Return signed copy of the Financial Aid Offer Letter and accept, decline or reduce the aid awarded to you by King's College by putting a "X" next to the "Y" to accept or next to the "N" to reject that award.
2. If your offer letter indicates that you have been **selected for verification**, you must provide all income documentation as requested. You must also complete and return a Verification Worksheet. All documents required for verification must be returned for your aid to be finalized within 30 days of notification.
4. If you will be receiving a **Pennsylvania State Grant**, complete the State Grant Form at [pheaa.org](http://pheaa.org).
5. New students should pay their **enrollment deposit** to King's College by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. If you plan on enrolling in the **Nelnet Payment Plan**, the first payment is due in July.
7. The **Academic Advisement Office** will contact new students by email for online placement testing and to select your day for Summer Academic Orientation.
8. In late May, **housing and meal plan** information will be sent to students who will live on campus.
9. If you are a new Direct Student Loan borrower, you must complete a **Master Promissory Note** and **Entrance Loan Counseling**. This is required by the federal government and can be completed at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).
10. Parents applying for a Parent PLUS Loan, need to use your FSA ID Account to login to studentloans.gov. There you can complete a credit check, PLUS application, and Parent PLUS Promissory Note. In addition, obtain a [Parent PLUS Loan Request Form](#) from the financial aid resource page of [kings.edu](http://kings.edu). Complete the loan request form with the amount you will be borrowing and submit to the King's College Financial Aid Office.



# FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

**Office of Financial Aid**  
(570) 208-5668 or 1-800-955-5777  
fax: (570) 208-6015  
e-mail: [finaid@kings.edu](mailto:finaid@kings.edu)

**Office of Admission**  
(570) 208-5858  
1-888-KINGS PA  
fax: (570) 208-5971  
e-mail: [admissions@kings.edu](mailto:admissions@kings.edu)

**Student Accounts Office**  
(570) 208-5830 for questions concerning  
your bill or payment

**Academic Advisement**  
(570) 208-5872

**Academic Skills Center**  
(570) 208-5841

**Registrar**  
(570) 208-5870

**Residence Life**  
(570) 208-5856

**Pennsylvania State Grant**  
1-800-692-7392  
[aessuccess.org](http://aessuccess.org)  
[pheaa.org](http://pheaa.org)  
*for assistance with the PHEAA State Grant*

**Private Education Loans**  
[kings.edu](http://kings.edu) and select Admissions. From  
there choose Financial Aid, then  
Education Loans. Finally, go to ELM  
Select where you will be able to review  
educational loan options.

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