



## What You Need to Know!

### Family Education Loan (FEL)

ACPE is committed to providing transparency when it comes to our suite of loans. On this fact-sheet, you'll find all the information you may need to make your decision to take out a loan from us!

#### ELIGIBILITY

Alaska residents can apply for a Family Education Loan (FEL) on behalf of a family member and the student can use the FEL to attend postsecondary institutions and career training programs in Alaska or in the Lower 48. [Click here](#) to find out if the FEL can be used at the student's selected school.

To qualify for the Family Education Loan (FEL), the borrower and student for whom you are borrowing must meet the following conditions:

#### BORROWER

- Be an Alaska resident;
- Not have a credit history, at the time of application for a loan, that demonstrates chronic inability or unwillingness to pay an extension of credit or loan as it becomes due;
- Not be delinquent in payment on a loan previously awarded by the ACPE;
- Not be in default on a loan previously awarded by ACPE;
- Not, within the preceding five years, have had a loan discharged or written off by the Commission for any reason;
- Has not within the previous seven years defaulted on another loan made by a lending entity;
- Not have a status at the time of application for a loan, or disbursement of funds, that would prevent you from repaying the loan as it becomes due;
- Not be past due in an Alaska Child Support obligation;
- Have complied with any applicable military selective service registration requirements under the Military Selective Service Act; and
- *Meet all other requirements under AS 14.43.750 and 20 AAC 15.510.*

#### STUDENT

- Be an Alaska resident;
- Be a high school graduate or the equivalent;
- Attend an eligible postsecondary institution;
- Be enrolled at least full-time in a career education program or an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate program;
- Be a student in academic good standing as defined by the school of attendance;
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- Not be in default on a loan previously awarded by ACPE;
- Not be past due in an Alaska Child Support obligation;
- Not, within the preceding five years, have had a loan discharged or written off by the Commission for any reason;
- Have complied with any applicable military selective service registration requirements under the Military Selective Service Act;
- Be a spouse, child, step child, foster child, or grandchild of the borrower; and
- *Meet all other requirements under AS 14.43.750 and 20 AAC 15.510.*

## INTEREST RATES

The FEL has a fixed interest rate for both the in-school and repayment periods. This means once your rate is set, it remains the same throughout the life of your loan. Unlike other private lenders, there are no origination or prepayment fees on the FEL. Please review [My Rate](#) for more information about your interest rate and possible rate discounts.

It's important to understand how your loan works – that's why we put together this FAQ for you. From explaining terms like Interest Rate and APR to on-time and full-time enrollment, ACPE's [Smart Borrowing, Smart Savings](#) will answer your questions.

### What is APR?

APR stands for the Annual Percentage Rate and is the yearly cost of borrowing your loan, shown as a percent of the amount you borrowed.

### Fees

There are no origination fees or prepayment penalties.

## LOAN LIMITS

ACPE encourages borrowers to make sound financial decisions when it comes to taking out a student loan. For additional information and guidance on making this selection, please review our [Before You Borrow](#) guide.

In a school year\*, students enrolled at least half-time in an undergraduate, graduate, or career training program may receive funding up to the annual loan maximums outlined below. The loan amount is based on a student's on-time, full-time and half-time status and may not exceed the limits established in this section or the student's costs of attendance as certified by the school of attendance.

*\*A school year means an academic period that is a minimum of 30 weeks of instructional time that begins between July 1 of on year and June 30 of the following year.*

<b>Program</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>
<b>Undergraduate</b>	On-time* enrollment - up to \$14,000	
	Full-time enrollment - up to \$12,500	
	Half-time enrollment - up to \$7,500	\$56,000
<b>Graduate</b>	Full-time enrollment - up to \$15,000	
	Half-time enrollment - up to \$7,500	\$60,000
<b>Career Training</b>	Vocational - up to \$10,000 per certificate program. Programs must be at least 180 hours over a period of not less than six weeks and result in a terminal certificate.	
	Flight school - Up to \$10,000 Programs must log a minimum of 17 hours per month or 51 hours for a three-month period and result in a terminal certificate.	\$56,000

Aggregate maximums include previous loans that have been paid-in-full, including loans from the Alaska Supplemental Loan Program, Memorial Education Loan Programs, and the Teacher Education Loan Program.

*\*enrolled in 15 or more credit hours per semester*