



2014-2015 Direct Loan Request Form

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| Name: | LMC Student ID: |
| Address: | City: |
| State: | Zip: |
| Daytime Phone: | Evening Phone: |
| Social Security #: | Birth Date: |

Will you be transferring or graduating from LMC after the Fall 2014 semester? (circle one) Yes No Unsure

Will you need loan eligibility for the 14-15 Summer semester (May – Aug 2015)? (circle one) Yes No Unsure

New for 2014-2015: You will only receive a Direct Loan in the amount of the base loan limits listed on the back of this form. If you will need additional unsubsidized loans, refer to the Additional Unsubsidized Loan Budget Worksheet.

Educational Resources (Select all you anticipate receiving during the 2014-2015 academic year.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Works/NWLB | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Tuition Assistance | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Works/TRA | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> External Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICORPS | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | \$ _____ |

Please read, check the box & complete each requirement (if requirements are not met, loan will not be disbursed):

- If I fail to list any Educational Resources above, and a payment is made to my account, it is possible that my loans may be adjusted and /or reduced, which may require me to owe money back to Lake Michigan College.
- If I am a first time loan borrower at LMC, I must complete an online financial literacy course through Financial Avenue at <http://fa.financialavenue.org/fa/login/index.php>
- I understand that loan processing takes 10 business days **IF** all required documentation has been submitted and reviewed.
- I understand I must be enrolled in at least **6 credit hours** before the end of the add/drop period for my loan to disburse and that if I enroll less than full-time or receive other types of aid, my loan may be adjusted at that time.
- I understand that if I do not attend my classes (or stop attending), my loan may be cancelled and I may owe LMC.
- If I request a loan for only one semester, my loan will be paid in two disbursements over the course of the semester. The second disbursement occurs after 50% of the semester has passed.
- Master Promissory Note (**only required to complete one time while attending LMC**) that contains my promise to repay my loan at www.studentloans.gov.
- Online Entrance Counseling (**only required to complete one time while attending LMC**) that explains my rights and responsibilities at www.studentloans.gov.

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PRIOR TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH PRIOR LOANS: Students who are borrowing at Lake Michigan College for the first time who have loan debt from previous colleges that has reached an amount that seems excessive for the degree you are seeking, are required to submit official transcripts from those other colleges before a loan is approved at Lake Michigan College. Prior progress at previous colleges, in addition to any academic and financial aid history at Lake Michigan College, will be a consideration for loan approval, as part of our default prevention plan. Students who have previously borrowed at Lake Michigan College and have not attended any additional colleges since borrowing those loans are exempt from this requirement. You will be notified if transcripts are required.

LOAN APPROVAL/DENIAL: The Financial Aid Office may deny, on a case-by-case basis, a loan application for a student who has been in default, who has demonstrated or is demonstrating poor academic progress, and/or if student already has a high cumulative student loan debt. For new students to the college and for students with a history of questionable academic or financial aid progress, the financial aid office reserves the right to verify student's actual attendance and progress in courses prior to loan approval. Poor attendance or progress may be a basis for denial of a loan or cancellation of a loan disbursement. The Financial Aid Office may also limit an individual student's approved loan amount based on a number of factors, including total cumulative debt, rate of academic progression related to debt incurred, prior default status and other considerations.

NEW - Effective July 1, 2013, a new law, the **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act**, limits the benefits of the Direct Loan subsidy to an aggregated period of no more than 150% of program length for *new borrowers*. Once that limit has been exceeded, a student may borrow only unsubsidized loans, and will begin to incur interest charges on outstanding subsidized loans.

I have read and fully understand that borrowing a Direct Loan is a serious responsibility and promise to repay my Direct Loan six months after I leave school, graduate, withdraw, or drop below 6 credit hours. I understand I must enroll in 6 credit hours to receive this loan. I certify this information is accurate and true.

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| Student Signature: _____ | Date: _____ |
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| Base Academic Year Loan Limits | |
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| | Base Loan Amount |
| 1st Year Student (<24 credit hours earned) | \$3,500 per year |
| 2nd Year Student (> 24 credit hours)* | \$4,500 per year |
| *Loan amounts may differ for those students who have been accepted and enrolled in LMC's Bachelors of Applied Science Program. | |

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| <p><u>For Office Use Only</u></p> <p>Approved Amount _____</p> <p>Reason for Denial _____</p> <p>Loan Processed By: _____</p> |
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Your Next Steps – After the Direct Loan Request Form Has Been Submitted

1. New Borrowers at LMC (even if you have borrowed at another school):

- **Financial Avenue**
 - Go to <http://fa.financialavenue.org/fa/login/index.php>
 - Click the Sign-Up tab and enter access code **iyrg3q** to set up your account.
 - Complete all six Financial Avenue courses, you must get a score of 75% or better to be considered completed. The Financial Aid office will get notification within 24 hours of completion. You do not need to submit anything to the Financial Aid Office to complete the process.
- **Entrance Counseling**
 - Online Entrance Counseling (only required to complete one time while attending LMC) that explains my rights and responsibilities at www.studentloans.gov.
- **Master Promissory Note**
 - Master Promissory Note (only required to complete one time while attending LMC) that contains my promise to repay my loan at www.studentloans.gov.

2. For All Borrowers: After Your Loan is Processed

- Once we have processed your Direct Loan Request Form, your Direct Loan will automatically be packaged. You will be packaged to your maximum Subsidized eligibility (unless you are not eligible for subsidized loans, then you will receive the same amount in unsubsidized). In order for your loan funds to be processed and disbursed, you must accept, reduce or decline your loan:
 - Log into Wavelink
 - Click on the “Student” tab
 - Click on the “Financial Aid Status”
 - Choose “2014-15 Academic Year”
 - Click “Awarded” (blue link)
 - Click on the “Accept Award Offer” tab
 - At the “Accept Award Offer” tab, you may do the following:
 - Accept the full amount of the loans offered.
 - Click on “Accept Full Amount All Awards” (under the word “Total”)
 - Reduce the amount of loans you want to borrow
 - Change the status to the right of the loan to “Accept” and then in the box to the right, enter the amount you want to borrow for the academic year.
 - Click “Submit Decision”
 - Decline the loans
 - You may decline your loans by changing the status to the right of the loan to “Decline”.
 - Click “Submit Decision”

Please Note: Be very careful when entering this information. Once it has been submitted, it may only be updated by completing the “Direct Loan Update Form” and submitting it to the Financial Aid Office. This can significantly slow down the processing of your loan, and may delay the disbursement of the loans.

Did You Know? Direct Loans are federal financial aid that helps students go to college. This money is coming from the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. Students who do not pay back their loans may have their wages garnished, tax refunds taken away, and their ability to make purchases on credit (car, home, etc) severely limited.

THINK BEFORE YOU BORROW