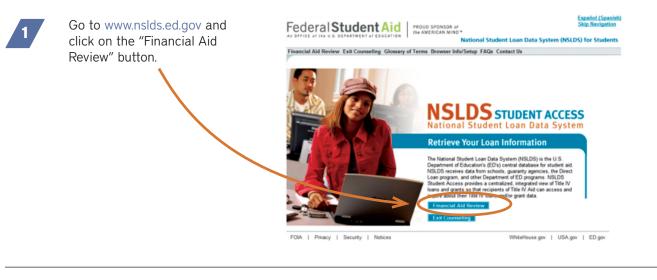
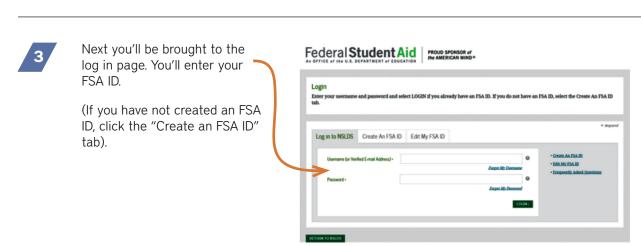
NAVIGATING THE NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN DATA SYSTEM

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is where you can retrieve all of your federal student loan aid data. It is highly recommended that you review your borrowing before continuing your education. Even if you haven't borrowed loans before, you will want to know how to use this tool! The steps below help explain what to look for on the Federal Student Aid NSLDS website.







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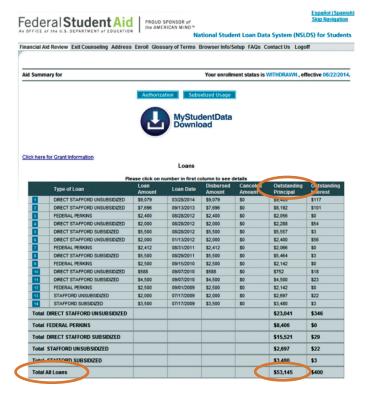
Once you've logged in, you will be brought to a page that shows every individual federal loan that you have ever borrowed throughout your academic career. It will also show you any Pell Grant funding that you have received. This will NOT show you any Private Loans or PLUS loans in your parent's name.

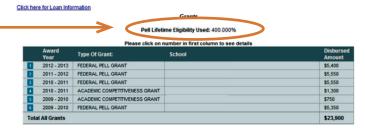
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From here, you can get an idea of how much you've borrowed. Keep in mind that the outstanding principal only includes disbursed aid.

There are limits as to how much you can borrow under the stafford loan program which are defined by the program you are enrolled in.

You'll also want to be aware of how much you've received in Pell. Your lifetime Pell Eligibility is 600% or the equivalent of six years of Pell. You can see the percentage you've used under the grant section.

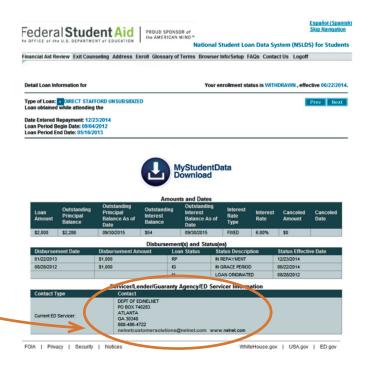




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If you click on each individual loan, you'll be brought to a page that has detailed information regarding each loan.

You'll be able to find out what the status of your loan is (i.e. Grace Period, Repayment, etc.) and also where your student loan is being serviced. Keep in mind that because you may have several loan servicers, you should review each individual loan. The servicer is your primary contact for repayment.



You are investing in your education and your future. The borrowing decisions you make today will directly affect your financial future. Know exactly how much you will need to cover your direct costs (tuition and fees; costs reflected on your student account) while attending GSC and be conservative in determining what you need to cover indirect costs (such as books and supplies/room and board/transportation/ miscellaneous).

Know Your Limits

Aggregate Loan Limits represent the total amount of Stafford loan funds you may borrow over your academic career. The total limit is based on the educational program you are currently enrolled in.

Program	Aggregate Limit
Undergraduate (Dependent Student)	\$31,000
Undergraduate (Independent Student)	\$57,500
Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification	\$57,500
Graduate	\$138,500

Please consider the following questions as you begin your education at Granite State College.

- How much student loan debt have I accumulated so far?
- How much Stafford loan eligibility do I have left?
- How many classes do I have left to complete my program and have I left myself enough loan eligibility to cover those classes?
- How much do I need to borrow to obtain my educational goals?

Annual limits can be found at http://www.granite.edu/finaid/aid/loans/dl.php

Know Your Loans

Subsidized Stafford Loans – Need based. No interest is charged while a student is in school at least half time, during the grace period, and during deferment periods. Available to undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans – Interest is charged during all periods, even during the time a student is in school and during grace and deferment periods. Available to undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students.

Parent PLUS Loans - Interest is charged during all periods, even during the time a student is in school and during grace and deferment periods. Taken out in the parent's name. Available to parents of eligible dependent students enrolled in undergraduate and eligible post baccalaureate programs.

Graduate PLUS Loans – Interest is charged during all periods, even during the time a student is in school and during grace and deferment periods. Available to eligible students enrolled in graduate programs.

Perkins Loans and TEACH Grants - not offered at Granite State College.

For more details about Federal Student loans visit https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans

If you have any questions regarding your federal student aid, please reach out to the GSC Financial Aid Office at financial.aid@granite.edu or 603.513.1392. We are here to help!