

Federal Financial Aid Information for Lakeside School of Massage Therapy

Title IV Federal Financial Aid

Lakeside participates in the following Title IV programs. The Financial Aid Coordinator is available to assist with questions. Eligibility for these programs is set by the US Department of Education. To obtain more information or to apply for Federal Financial Aid, please contact the Lakeside financial aid office for a FAFSA application and packet or go to the free application website at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To ensure funds are available by the start of class, students should complete the FAFSA application as soon as possible and no later than two weeks before the start of class. **To apply for Title IV Federal Financial Aid, fill out the FAFSA application. Our school code is: 030074**

Federal Pell Grants

(See www.studentaid.ed.gov for more specifics)
To be eligible for a Pell Grant you can not have a bachelor's degree or be working toward a bachelor's degree. The amount of a Pell Grant is also dependent on your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which means the amount the federal government expects you or your parents to contribute to your education. A Pell Grant does not have to be paid back to the government. Lakeside students could be eligible for up to \$5350 for the 2009-2010 award year. Full time or part time students are eligible for Pell Grants.

Pell Grants are deposited into the student's account at the school in two disbursements. The first disbursement is made within 30 days of the first day of school. The second disbursement is made after 50% of schooling is complete.

While attending school you are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP). If you are unable to maintain SAP you are no longer eligible to receive Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Stafford Loans

(see www.studentaid.ed.gov for more specifics)
Stafford loans are made through William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan)

Program. Under the Direct Loan Program, the funds for your loan come from the US Department of Education (Federal Government) and are delivered to you through Lakeside.

To be eligible for Direct Student Loans, you have to be attending school full time. Part time students are not eligible for Direct Student Loans. Direct Student Loans are not based on credit history.

There are two types of loans that you could be eligible for. A Subsidized loan and Unsubsidized loan. For the Subsidized loan the government pays the interest while you are in school. For the Unsubsidized loan you are responsible for the interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it's paid in full. You can pay the interest while you're in school or you can allow the interest to accumulate and be added to the principle amount of your loan. Note that if interest accumulates, the total amount you repay will be higher than if you paid the interest all along. Lakeside students could be eligible for as much as \$9,500 in student loans.

The interest rate is variable (adjusted annually) but does not exceed 8.5 percent. For July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the interest rate for subsidized loans in repayment is six percent. The interest rate is adjusted each year on July 1. You'll be notified by the Direct Loan program of interest rate changes throughout the life of your loan.

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responsible for whatever monies have been disbursed to you at that time. You will pay a fee of up to 4 percent, deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement. A portion of this fee goes to the federal government to help reduce the cost of the loans. Because of this deduction, you'll receive slightly less than the amount you're borrowing.

After you graduate, leave school, or drop to part time enrollment, you'll have a six month grace period before you begin repayment. During this period, you'll receive repayment information, and you'll be notified by the Direct Loan program of your first payment due date. You're responsible for beginning repayment on time, even if you don't receive this information.

PLUS Loans (Parent Loans)

(See www.studentaid.ed.gov for more specifics) PLUS Loans to meet students' educational costs are available through the Direct Loan program. Parents who have an acceptable credit history can borrow a PLUS Loan to pay the education expenses of a child who is a dependent student enrolled full time at Lakeside.

The limit on a PLUS Loan is equal to your cost of attendance minus any other financial aid you receive. If your cost of attendance is \$6,000, for example, and you receive \$4,000 in other financial aid, your parents may borrow up to \$2,000.

The interest rate is variable (adjusted annually) but does not exceed 9 percent. For the 2007-2008 award year, the interest rate for PLUS Loans in repayment is 7.9 percent. The interest rate is adjusted each year on July 1. Your parents will be notified by the Direct Loan program of interest rate changes throughout the life of their loan. Interest is charged on the loan from the date of the first disbursement until the loan is paid.

Generally, the first payment is due within 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed. There is no grace period for these loans. Interest begins to accumulate at the time the first disbursement is made, so your parents will begin repaying both the principal and interest while you're in school.

Your parents will pay a fee of 2.5 percent, deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement. A portion of this fee goes to the federal government to help reduce the cost of the loans. Because of this deduction, you'll receive slightly less than the amount you're borrowing. Also, if your parents don't make loan payments as scheduled, they might be charged late fees and collection costs.

Eligibility Criteria

(see www.studentaid.ed.gov for more specifics) Eligibility for federal student aid is based on financial need and several other factors. The financial aid administrator at Lakeside will determine your eligibility.

Here are some of the criteria the US Department of Education requires you to meet in order for you to be eligible for the Title IV Programs:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate by one of the following means that you're qualified to enroll in postsecondary education:
 - Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Certificate
 - Complete a high school education in a home school setting approved under state law.
- Be working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Have a valid Social Security Number.
- Register with the Selective Service if required (you can use the paper or electronic FAFSA to register).
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress once in school.

The information you report on the FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, which is a measure of your family's financial strength. The EFC is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. The formula for the EFC calculation is established by law.

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