



FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS - ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is a loan that must be repaid. Read the information on the back of this page. It is important information that schools must provide in conjunction with Entrance Counseling.
2. If accepting a Federal Direct Student Loan in Gateway, you must complete Steps 1 & 2 below.
3. Go to <https://studentloans.gov>, log in with your student FSA ID and password to complete.

Step 1: ENTRANCE COUNSELING

- Interest Rate: Undergraduate: 4.45% Graduate: 6%
- You will be asked to read and accept a disclaimer to continue.
- Review and update account settings, if prompted.
- Click “Complete Loan Counseling.”
- Click on “Start” for Entrance Counseling.
- To notify HPU, choose TX and HPU from the drop down boxes. Click on “Notify This School” and continue.
- For Student Type, select appropriate answer for undergraduate or graduate student and continue.
- Read each section of the counseling session, answering the questions as prompted. Refer to Gateway (View/Accept Financial Aid page and Awards tabs) for award amounts of any grants, scholarships and/or loans.
- Complete all steps, until you receive the message that you have successfully completed the Entrance Counseling.
- **Proceed to Step 2 on this page.**

Step 2: MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE

- Under the “Next Steps” box, click on “Complete Loan Agreement - Master Promissory Note (MPN)”.
- If you are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, choose “MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized”.
- Click “Start”.
- Complete all 4 steps in the process until you receive the message that you have successfully completed the MPN.
- **DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT** – Read this section carefully.
- **NAME AND SCHOOL** – Provide your full legal name and the name of the school (Howard Payne University).
- **COMPLETE THE MPN** – During this step, you will be asked to provide the remaining information necessary to complete your MPN. This will include your permanent address, your driver’s license and state, e-mail address, and telephone number. You will also be asked to provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references who have known you for at least three years.
- **REVIEW DRAFT MPN** – You will be asked to review a draft version of the MPN that will include the information you provided and important information about the loan(s) you may receive under your MPN. Before you continue, you must confirm that you have read the draft MPN, which includes the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities.
- **SIGN YOUR MPN** – You will be asked to review the “Promise to Pay” section of the MPN and electronically sign the MPN by typing your full name. You will still have the opportunity at this point to modify the information you provided or to cancel the electronic MPN process.
- **REVIEW YOUR SIGNED MPN** – You will be shown a completed MPN that includes your electronic signature. Before you can continue, you must confirm that you have read the completed Master Promissory Note (MPN).
- **CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF THE MPN TERMS AND SUBMIT THE MPN** – You will be asked to confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions of your Master Promissory Note (MPN), you will also be given a final opportunity to cancel or modify your MPN. If you agree to the terms and conditions for the MPN, you may complete the electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) process by submitting your MPN to the U.S. Department of Education.
- **YOU MAY PRINT YOUR MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE (MPN) to keep a copy for your records.**

The Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a very important contract between you (the borrower) and the lender. The MPN allows the borrower to receive multiple subsidized and/or unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans over a ten (10) year period. This feature is called a Serial Loan. Each year that the student receives a Serial Loan under the MPN, the student is required to confirm that he or she wishes to receive subsequent loans under the Master Promissory Note (MPN).

If you have questions or experience problems when completing this process, call 1-800-557-7394 or contact the HPU Financial Aid Office at financial-aid@hputx.edu or 325-649-8015.

PLEASE READ THIS PAGE CAREFULLY

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HPU CONCERNING STUDENT LOAN ENTRANCE COUNSELING

All first-time Federal Stafford Student Loan borrowers at HPU (including transfer students) will be required to complete Entrance Counseling. After completing the online Entrance Counseling, if have any questions regarding your rights and responsibilities and loan terms and conditions, please contact:

HPU Office of Financial Aid
1000 Fisk Street
Brownwood, TX 76801
325-649-8015
financial-aid@hputx.edu

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Table with 2 columns: Credit hours and enrollment status. Rows include 01-05, 06-08, 09-11, and 12+ credit hours.

HPU locks "enrollment status" on the census date, which is usually the eighth class day of the fall and spring semesters.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU START AND ATTEND ALL CLASSES. The number of hours for which the student is enrolled as of this date will determine the enrollment status for that semester and financial aid will be disbursed accordingly.

WITHDRAWING FROM HPU

A student who desires to withdraw from HPU must obtain the proper withdrawal forms from the Registrar's Office. These forms can be obtained in person at the office located in Room 209 of the Packer Administration Building on the Howard Payne University campus in Brownwood, Texas or by phone request.

LOAN REPAYMENT

On average, students at HPU borrowed federal student loans as shown below. Note the maximum interest rate and payment amount for the debt level, based on a 10-year standard repayment plan.

Summary table with 4 columns: Loan Type, Average Indebtedness, Interest Rate, Monthly Payment Amount. Row for Direct loan shows \$20,893, 6.8%, and \$253.00.

Below is a chart with loan amounts and approximate monthly payments for the standard repayment option, assuming an interest rate of 6.8%.

Table with 4 columns: Amount Borrowed, Monthly Payments, Number of Payments, Total Amount Paid. Rows range from \$3,500 to \$40,000.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Financial Literacy is basic personal finance knowledge. Financial Literacy information can help students make good financial decisions that will affect their financial well-being now and in the future. Some financial information that all students need is budgeting, debt management, credit basics, using credit cards responsibly and preventing identity theft.