



Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

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2020-2021 Graduate Program Certification

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# 850 _____

A student not enrolled in a degree program is eligible for Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans for up to one year if she/he is taking prerequisite coursework necessary for admission to an eligible graduate program at UNCW.

Non-degree students are eligible for up to \$12,500 in Federal Direct Loans. Receipt of aid as a non-degree student is limited to only one consecutive 12-month period.

In order to obtain financial aid as a non-degree student you must:

1. Complete the **2020-2021** Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#))
2. Have an Academic Advisor, Department Chair, or Program Coordinator complete a Preparatory Letter describing under what conditions the student will be admitted to the regular program

Preparatory letters must:

- **Appear on official UNCW letterhead;**
- **State the course(s) and course number(s) required;**
- **State that the courses being taken are prerequisites for entry into a specific named program; and**
- **Must be signed by the Department Chair or Program Coordinator.**

3. Complete any additional requirements the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid may request.

Please indicate below the basis for your eligibility by initialing each statement. This form must be submitted to continue processing your loan application.

I am applying for a Federal Direct Student Loan as a graduate certification student and:

I am pursuing a program of study necessary for admission to a UNCW graduate program.

**Note: Student is able to borrow at undergraduate levels, based on Federal regulations.
Maximum loan eligibility is \$12,500 for one 12-month period.**

I have not previously borrowed Federal Direct Student Loans used for preparatory course work for the purpose of admission to a degree program.

I understand half-time enrollment (6 credit hours) is **required** for Federal loan eligibility.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

- Click in the signature box above to electronically sign this document. Once it has been electronically signed, save a copy of this PDF form, and click the **SUBMIT** button below to email our office the electronic version of your form.

- If you are unable to sign electronically, please print this document and provide handwritten signatures. You may deliver this signed document in person or you may scan and email to finaid@uncw.edu