PRIVATE (ALTERNATIVE) LOANS

We strongly recommend that you use an alternative loan as a measure of last resort and pursue all of your Federal Loan options (Stafford and PLUS) first. Alternative education loans are private loan programs offered through banks for the purpose of supplementing a student's financial aid package. They are not federally endorsed or guaranteed, but they must be certified, or approved, through the Vaughn College Financial Aid Office to ensure that the loan does not exceed your cost of attendance (budget) minus all other financial aid.

Alternative loans are based on creditworthiness, so the initial step in applying is a credit check with the lender. Since the loans are not federally endorsed, each lender's loan program is different: Each loan varies on interest rates, fees charged, the amount you may borrow (minimum and maximum), repayment terms, and repayment benefits.

When shopping for an alternative loan, be sure to ask the following questions:

- Is a co-signer required?
- What is the interest rate on the loan?
- How is the interest rate calculated and how often does it change?
- What fees are associated with the loan (both at the time you receive the funds and when you begin repayment)?
- How much (or how little) may I borrow?
- What are the terms of repayment?
- How much will my payments be if I borrow $_____?

**Vaughn College Alternative Loan Lenders**

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Vaughn College Loan Disclosure
How Vaughn College chooses Preferred Lenders

The performance of our lenders is evaluated each academic year. This evaluation is conducted by our experienced financial aid team and is based on a variety of criteria. As a result, the list may change from year to year as new lenders are judged in terms of borrower benefits, customer service and technology.

Lenders must have competitive rates, and repayment benefits must mirror industry standards. High priority is given to lenders that provide above-average repayment benefits to student and parent borrowers. Borrower benefits are listed on our website at www.vaughn.edu/financialaid. Selected lenders must offer high value loan services. Value isn’t always just about price; it might include incentives for on-time payments, opportunity to defer payments until graduation and immediate interest rate reductions. This allows the student and/or parent(s) to determine which combination of discounts and benefits is best for their individual situation.

Lenders must be divisions/affiliates of federally insured banks, federally insured savings banks, credit unions, established financial services companies or contracted with loan servicers that have been actively engaged in the student loan industry for at least five years.

Lenders must have a proven record of superior customer service. This includes offering a variety of payment options (including auto-debit and web-payment) while maintaining trained staff to answer questions via a toll-free number, including evenings and weekends.

There will be no direct solicitation of our students by lenders, especially as it relates to debt consolidation, without a written consent form and partnership with the Office of Financial Aid. Consideration will be given to the record of service, reputation, operational standards and time in business for each lender and their servicer.