



## Private Loan Information

A number of private outside entities offer students alternative sources for financing their education. Unlike federal loans, the terms of private loans are set by the individual lenders. The interest rate and fees are determined by your credit history, your debt-to-income ratio and that of your co-signer, if necessary. The interest rates for private educational loans are variable and are most often based on a range using Prime or the LIBOR as a base and add an additional percentage based on the borrower's credit. The current Prime and LIBOR rates are available at the Federal Reserve Statistical Release <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/current/>.

Before deciding on a lender, here are some questions you need to ask:

- How soon will I enter repayment? Are any payments, including interest-only payments, required during enrollment?
- How often is the interest capitalized? (The frequency of capitalization will increase the total loan amount that you have to repay because you will be charged interest on a higher principal loan.)
- If I use a co-signer can I receive a better rate?
- How will the rate formula (interest and fees charged) change in repayment?
- What will my monthly payment be on this loan amount when I am in repayment?
- What kind of borrower benefits does the lender offer? (interest rate reductions with automatic withdrawals, principle reduction with a certain number of on-time payments)

This list was created for students as a starting point and reference. It is ultimately the student's decision to select a private education lender and a student can select any private lender they choose. Students are encouraged to investigate these options very cautiously and thoroughly. The Financial Aid Office will process a loan with any lender you have selected regardless of their inclusion on this list as long as you are eligible for the loan. The maximum loan amount your financial aid office can certify is the cost of attendance minus any other aid received.

### Lender Selection Method and Criteria

The lender included in this preferred lender list was selected based on research by Arizona College as to what lenders would potentially lend to students attending a college that specializes in diploma and degree programs as Arizona College does. Arizona College's Office of Financial Aid adheres to the Code of Conduct as established by the Higher Education Opportunity Act as well as the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (NASFAA) Statement of Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct for Institutional Financial Aid Professionals. View Arizona College's Financial Aid Code of Conduct Policy at:

[https://www.arizonacollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020.02.20-Arizona-College\\_-Student-Loan-Code-of-Conduct\\_New.pdf](https://www.arizonacollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020.02.20-Arizona-College_-Student-Loan-Code-of-Conduct_New.pdf)

Before applying it is important for you to ensure that you have reviewed all of your federal financial aid options and eligibility. Prospective borrowers should note that they may qualify for loans or other assistance under the federal financial aid programs and the terms and conditions of those loan programs may be more favorable than those of private education loans. Students are also strongly encouraged to review the Department of Education's website <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/federal-vs-private> and speak to the Financial Aid Office to learn about the federal programs before you apply for a private educational loan. Undergraduate students applying for federal financial aid may also be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. The award range for 2019-20 is \$636-\$6,195.

## Preferred Lender Listing

The following is Arizona College's preferred lender list for private education loans. Borrowers who are interested in obtaining private education loan may qualify for federal student loans or other assistance under the Federal Financial Aid program (Title IV of the Higher Education Act) and should apply for federal aid before applying for a private education loan. The terms and conditions of loans made under the federal programs are typically more favorable than the provisions of private education loans.

Private education loans are not subsidized by the federal government. They are to be used for education related expenses and should supplement, not replace, federal aid programs. The amount of a private education loan is limited to the cost of attendance less any other financial aid received. A student's eligibility for a private education loan is determined by the lender based on creditworthiness of the borrower and/or co-borrower. While we have summarized the features of the private education loan, for the specific terms and condition please contact the lender.

<b>Lender</b>	Mountain America Credit Union ( <a href="http://www.macu.com">www.macu.com</a> ) Toll-free: (800) 748-4302 <b>Phoenix Branch</b> 805 E. Thunderbird Road Phoenix, AZ 85022 (602) 266-3522 <b>Mesa Branch</b> 4325 E. Southern Avenue Mesa, AZ 85206 (480) 985-2268
<b>Borrower Eligibility Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student borrower must be a U.S. citizen or noncitizen permanent resident</li> <li>• Enrolled at Arizona College</li> <li>• Be credit worthy and/or have a credit worthy co-signer</li> </ul>
<b>Loan Limits</b>	Dependent on costs of attendance, educational program, and other financial assistance received
<b>Interest Rates and Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest rates range from 6.0% to 18.0%</li> <li>• No origination fees</li> <li>• You will be required to set up a savings account with a minimum balance of \$25</li> </ul>
<b>Important to Know</b>	The maximum loan term is 120 months (10 years) or 12 months per \$1,000 borrowed.
<b>Borrower Benefits and Repayment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest only option while in school</li> <li>• Low, fixed-interest rate</li> <li>• No prepayment penalties</li> </ul>

<b>Lender</b>	Meritize ( <a href="http://www.meritize.com">www.meritize.com</a> ) Phone: (844) 637-4849 6136 Frisco Square Frisco, TX 75034
<b>Borrower Eligibility Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student borrower must be a U.S. citizen or noncitizen permanent resident</li> <li>• Enrolled at Arizona College</li> <li>• Be credit worthy and/or have a credit worthy co-signer</li> </ul>
<b>Loan Limits</b>	Dependent on costs of attendance, educational program, and other financial assistance received

<b>Interest Rates and Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest rates range from 5.2% to 14.45% fixed or 1-month LIBOR + 1.325% - 11.825%</li> <li>• Origination fee at the beginning of the loan</li> </ul>
<b>Important to Know</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repayment options included making full payments, making interest-only payments, or making no payments until 3 months after graduation</li> <li>• Repayment terms are 3, 5, or 10 years</li> </ul>
<b>Borrower Benefits and Repayment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No prepayment penalties</li> <li>• Meritize offers student loans that look beyond FICO credit scores and use individual academic history to enhance credit evaluation and improve loan options.</li> </ul>

**There are other private student loan lenders as this is not an exhaustive list.**

Arizona Central Credit Union <http://www.azcentralcu.org/home/loans/edge>

Toll Free: (877) 717-3599

Apply online at: <https://apps.culearn.org/onlineapp/Default>

If you have any questions regarding these loans beyond the information provided, please contact the lender for more information.

Your private education lender may require you to complete a Self-Certification Form for you private education loan. The version the lender provides usually contains pre-populated information specific to you and your loan, however this version is available to you as well <https://ifap.ed.gov/dpccletters/attachments/GEN1001A-AppSelfCert.pdf> . For applicants receiving other forms of aid the information necessary for completing this form such as cost of attendance and other financial assistance received is available to you in the Financial Aid Office.