

# Graduate Non-Degree Seeking Petition for Federal Financial Aid

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Processing time: 3 Week Minimum

Non-degree seeking students are not eligible to receive federal financial aid, however, you may appeal your financial aid status via an allowable exception in the financial aid regulations [668.32(a)(1)(ii)].

*Note: To be eligible, the student must be taking classes that are a prerequisite for admission. If the student is only taking classes to raise his/her GPA in order to be admitted, the student would not qualify for federal financial aid.*

**When completing the 20xx-20xx Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Graduate Non-Degree seeking students should PROVIDE OR UPDATE\* the following answers to the questions listed below:**

- When you begin the 20xx-20xx school year, what will be your grade level?  
Answer: 5th year/other undergraduate
- When you begin the 20xx-20xx school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?  
Answer: Other/Undecided
- At the beginning of the 20xx-20xx school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program?  
Answer: No

*\* If you have already completed your FAFSA, please return and revise the questions above.*

## **Federal Loan Eligibility Limits**

For purposes of federal financial aid eligibility, Graduate Non-Degree seeking students are considered enrolled in "preparatory coursework to enroll in a graduate program." Independent students may be eligible to borrow up to \$12,500 in Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized loans. The amount and loan type is based on demonstrated financial need and other information provided on the FAFSA. Dependent students may be eligible to borrow up to \$7,500 in Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized loans. Your dependency status is determined by federal regulations (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>). The Petition for Graduate Preparatory Work is limited to a single consecutive 12-month period.

## **The following criteria must be met to be eligible for The Petition for Graduate Preparatory Work:**

- The courses to be taken are prerequisites for enrollment in a program leading to a degree.
- The courses must be part of an eligible program otherwise offered by the school even though the student is not yet enrolled in that program.
- The student is enrolled at least half-time (6 units) in these prerequisite courses.
- The preparatory courses may not be used to raise the student's GPA in order to be admitted to the program.
- The student must not have previously received loans under this provision.

If you need to borrow beyond the limited amount of Federal Direct Loans available to you, parents of dependent students may be eligible to borrow the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan. Independent students seeking to borrow beyond the limited amount of Federal Direct Loans may pursue a private educational loan. For information about private educational loans, review the information for private educational loans on our website:

<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/loans/private>



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LAST NAME:	FIRST:	STUDENT ID:
LOCAL ADDRESS:		ZIP:
PHONE:	E-MAIL:	

## I. Student Certification

Please read and initial beside each statement below before signing to indicate you have read and understood the terms and requirements.

- I am currently seeking entry into \_\_\_\_\_ graduate degree program.
- I certify that I have not previously received Federal Direct Loan funds for preparatory coursework to be admitted to a degree program. This includes the University of Arizona and any other school I have attended.
- I will only be considered for Federal Direct Loans based on undergraduate loan limits.
- I understand the period of funding may not exceed 12 consecutive months and if I do not take classes or receive aid for any term during that 12 month period, I will not be able to receive it later.
- I must be enrolled at least half-time (6 units), and I must meet all other financial aid eligibility and prerequisite requirements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Academic Department Certification

To be completed by the Academic Department

- Is the student required to take classes to meet prerequisites for admission to a graduate degree program? YES NO
- Is the student taking courses solely to raise their GPA to meet admission requirements to a degree program? YES NO

List below the term(s) and the courses in which the student plans to enroll:

Preparatory Coursework start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 20____	Spring 20____	Summer 20____

\_\_\_\_\_ Future Plan/Major      \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Sought (PhD or MS)      \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Term of Admission

I certify that the courses listed above would advance the student’s competitiveness toward consideration for admission in a graduate degree program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grad Dept Advisor Name (Print)      \_\_\_\_\_ Title      \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Dept Advisor Signature

## III. Graduate College Certification

To be completed by the Graduate College

The Graduate College certifies that this student (a) has a GND admit status, and (b) is enrolled in at least six (6) units.

Graduate College Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

