

# It's Time to Secure Your Financial Aid Now!

## Next Steps for Students



**If you need a student loan to attend The University of Akron in the fall, it's time to take action on your student loans now!**

1. Log into the **MyAkron** portal, navigate to the **Student Center** and ACCEPT your loans. This informs our office of how much of the Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized loan(s) of your available financial aid you wish to borrow. You may accept the full amount or reduce as needed.
2. Go to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) and select "In School".

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, there are navigation links: UNDERSTAND AID, APPLY FOR AID, COMPLETE AID PROCESS, and MANAGE LOANS. Below this is a search bar with the text "Select the type of Direct Loan MPN you would like to preview or complete". The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there's a "You Are America's Smartest Investment" banner with "Log In" and "Create Account" buttons. Below that are four tabs: "Considering School", "In School" (highlighted with a red box), "Parent", and "In Repayment". The "In School" tab has a sub-description: "I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate." To the right of the tabs is a "POPULAR TOPICS" section with links like "Renew Your FAFSA® Form", "Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School", "Complete a Loan Agreement (Master Promissory Note) MPN (Step 5)", "Complete Loan Entrance Counseling Counseling (Step 3)", "Use the Repayment Estimator", and "Complete TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement to Serve". On the right side of the page, there are three "MPN" sections, each with a "LOG IN TO START" button and a "Start Demo" link. The first section is "MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans", the second is "PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students", and the third is "PLUS MPN for Parents". The "MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans" section is highlighted with a red box.

3. Click on [Complete Loan Entrance Counseling](#) then click **Log In To Start** and log in with **your FSA ID**. **DO NOT use your parent's FSA ID!**
4. Return to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) and select "In School" again.
5. Click on [Complete a Loan Agreement \(Master Promissory Note\)](#). Click on **Log In To Start** in the **MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans** box and complete the loan agreement (promissory note). This is your legal agreement to repay the loan.
6. UA will receive notification when you have completed these steps. When your fall bill is available, your loan(s) will appear as "anticipated aid" toward your charges. The loan funds will disburse 10 days before the first day of classes.

**Priority deadline to complete these steps: July 3, 2020!**



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