



Private Loan Information

Arizona College does not endorse, recommend, or promote any lender for private loans. 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 [Federal Reserve](#).

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, principal 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 Educational 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: [Student Loan Code of Conduct](#).

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 [Federal vs Private Student Loans](#) and speak to the Financial Aid Office to learn about the federal programs before you apply for a private education loan. Undergraduate students applying for federal financial aid may also be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. The award range for 2025-2026 is \$740 - \$7,395.

Preferred Lender Listing

The following is Arizona College's preferred lender list for private education loans. Borrowers who are interested in obtaining a 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 specific terms and conditions please contact the lender.

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

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. 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: [Renewal of Private Education Loan Applicant Self Certification Form](#). 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.

Lender	Climb Credit https://climbcredit.com/students
Borrower Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and/or borrower must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident • Must be at least 18 years of age • Enrolled at Arizona College or Arizona College of Nursing • Be credit worthy or have a credit worthy co-borrower
Loan Limits	Allied Health Maximum: Can borrow up to the direct cost of tuition and fees per program BSN (per Academic Year) Minimum: \$1,000 Maximum: \$28,483 or up to the direct cost of tuition and fees per academic year, whichever is less
Interest Rates and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No application fee • Interest Rates and Fees
Important to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying does not impact credit score • Offers MinPay – a \$20 monthly payment before full repayment begins • Co-borrower options available • No prepayment penalty
Borrower Benefits and Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.25% interest rate discount for auto payments • Payment required while in school with Standard or Interest Only payment options to select from



Lender	College Ave Student Loans https://www.collegeave.com/student-loans/career/
Borrower Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student borrower must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident • Enrolled at Arizona College • Must be making SAP as defined by the school • Be credit worthy
Loan Limits	Minimum: \$1,000 Maximum: \$80,000 Aggregate: \$150,000 (Freshman); \$180,000 (Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors)
Interest Rates and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No origination or application fees and no penalty for early repayment • Interest Rates and Fees
Important to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period available and vary by loan • Parent/Sponsor options • Allows for borrowing for authorized educational expenses beyond tuition and fees
Borrower Benefits and Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto-Pay Rate Reduction: 0.25% interest rate reduction for automatic payments • College Ave Cash Back Rewards Program through Payce: Cash back towards loan • Repayment options include Standard, Interest Only, or Deferred payment plans to select from

Lender	Colleging Marketplace (A RevITek Solution) https://planning.revitek.com/tools/find-a-lender
Borrower Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student borrower must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident • Enrolled at Arizona College of Nursing or Arizona College • Must be enrolled at least half-time • Be credit worthy
Loan Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: \$3,000 • Maximum: \$95,000
Interest Rates and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary by loan type and lender
Important to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network of Credit Unions; eligibility by location • Student, Parent Loan, Lines of Credit, and Cosigner options (vary by lender) • Allows for borrowing for authorized educational expenses beyond tuition and fees
Borrower Benefits and Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refinance Loans Available • Repayment options include Immediate, Interest Only, or Deferred payment plans to select from • \$50 while in school • Repayment terms up to 15 years



Lender	Desert Financial Credit Union https://desertfinancial.studentchoice.org/nursing/
Borrower Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in a program to obtain your 3-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Arizona College of Nursing (Phoenix, Tempe, and Tucson campuses only) • Eligible for credit union membership (you may apply without being a member of the credit union, but you will need to become a member in order for the loan to be funded) • A U.S. Citizen or permanent resident • Able to meet the credit union's underwriting criteria (a co-applicant may be necessary to meet credit criteria or may help qualify for a lower rate)
Loan Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: \$1,000 • Maximum: \$40,000
Interest Rates and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero origination or prepayment fees • Interest Rates and Fees
Important to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local, credit union held loan (AZ BSN Campuses Only) • Flexible funding – line of credit • Allows for borrowing for authorized educational expenses beyond tuition and fees
Borrower Benefits and Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible repayment terms with variable or fixed rates • Repayment options include Interest-Only Payments or Full Payments while in school • Co-borrower release program

Lender	Edly https://student.edly.co/sign-up/arizona-college-of-nursing
Borrower Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student borrower must be 18 years of age • Student borrower must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident • Be within 24 months of program completion • Must have 2.5 minimum GPA
Loan Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: \$2,000 • Maximum: \$130,000 (lifetime limit)
Interest Rates and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No application fees or prepayment penalty
Important to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrower must have a valid bank account with routing/account number • Income-based repayment with loan payments adjust based on income after program completion • Designed to be affordable. Lower payments at start of career when income is lower. • Loan options available with or without cosigner
Borrower Benefits and Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income-based repayment – pay a % of income (not fixed payments) • In-school payment amounts are as low as \$10/month • Payments adjust as income changes after school • 1% interest rate discount with ACH enrollment • Cosigner release after 6 payments (conditions apply) • Temporary hardship forbearance available if you lose your job or earn below \$30,000 • Repayment terms up to 120 months



Lender	<p>Sallie Mae Smart Option Student Loan https://www.salliemae.com/ To apply for Arizona College of Nursing: SM for Arizona College of Nursing To apply for Arizona College (Allied Health): SM for Arizona College</p>
Borrower Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled at Arizona College of Nursing or Arizona College • Be credit worthy • Student borrower must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident • Available to qualified international students with a creditworthy cosigner that is a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
Loan Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: \$1,000 • Maximum: Cost of Attendance • No Aggregate Limit
Interest Rates and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No origination or application fees and no penalty for early repayment • Interest Rates and Fees
Important to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death and disability loan forgiveness • Cosigner Option available with a Cosigner release program • Allows for borrowing for authorized educational expenses beyond tuition and fees
Borrower Benefits and Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No origination fee or prepayment penalty • Students who choose in-school monthly interest payments will typically receive an interest rate that can be 0.5 to 1.0 percentage points lower than those who defer making payments. • Auto debit savings: There is a 0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for borrowers who make monthly payments by auto debit. • Repayment options include Interest Repayment, Fixed Repayment, or Deferred Repayment options to select from