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*Division of Enrollment Services  
Financial Aid*

Dear Parents,

SMU is pleased to inform you of its Family Assistance Loan. We believe it is one of the finest non-federal, family educational loans available nation-wide. Our program offers a fixed low interest rate (7%, simple), a repayment period of up to eight years, and a monthly payment amount that does not change during the life of the loan.

These terms are fair, predictable and operationally simple. Excepting use of your own income, savings or other assets, we believe this will be the least expensive mechanism available to help your family pay that portion of educational costs for which it will be responsible.

This is an SMU program as opposed to a federal one, therefore, financial need is *not* an eligibility criterion. Eligibility is, however, based on credit worthiness. A \$75 processing fee is assessed to each applicant.

Please be advised that if you borrow the Family Assistance Loan and in the future file and qualify for need based aid, ½ of the yearly amount of the Family Assistance Loan must count toward need.

To apply for this loan, complete the accompanying credit application, include your FICO credit score, and enclose a check for \$75 payable to SMU. Attach copies of your most recent tax return, schedules, W2's, and current pay stub and mail to: **DEVERON ELLISON, SMU BOX 750181, DALLAS TX 75275**. For general questions or concerns, please contact the Student Financials Loan area by email at [SFLoans@smu.edu](mailto:SFLoans@smu.edu) or by phone at 214-768-2090 or 214-768-1757.

Note that there is a July 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline. Processing time is two to four weeks. Please keep that period in mind as time approaches for University payment due dates in August. We recommend that you apply by June 1<sup>st</sup> if it is feasible for you to do so.

A general description of our SMU Family Assistance Loan is found on the back of this letter. Actual legal documents (Truth-in-Lending Disclosure Statement and Promissory Note) will be mailed for your review upon approval of your credit application. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact your financial aid counselor for interpretations, clarifications or other assistance.

You are important to us. For this reason we extend this invitation to apply for the SMU Family Assistance Loan. We believe it is a wonderful credit mechanism for funding an SMU education.

Sincerely,

Southern Methodist University  
Division of Enrollment Services

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SMU FAMILY ASSISTANCE LOAN

**Amount:** SMU will lend \$2000 to \$10,000 per semester (up to \$20,000 annually) for a maximum of 4 years (8 terms) to be applied against the student's invoice charges of tuition, fees, room, and board. Room and board charges for fraternity or sorority houses and off campus housing costs may also be covered. The annual eligibility may be reduced if other aid has been awarded. If in the future you qualify for need based aid, the yearly amount of the Family Assistance Loan will be reduced.

Please apply for an annual amount which is an even multiple of \$1,000. Our minimum annual loan is \$4,000, \$2,000 per semester.

**Interest:** The interest charge is seven percent (7%) simple annual interest and is computed and charged against advances only as they are made.

**Repayment:** The repayment period is two years for each year of borrowing. The first payment is due on September 1 of the student recipient's initial loan year. On the basis of the projected cumulative loan amount, which is a multiple of the annual amount for which you are applying, an appropriate monthly amortization schedule is established. For example, if we believe the student will graduate in one year, we establish a twenty-four month amortization schedule. If we believe that two years are needed for graduation, the amortization schedule assumes two years of borrowing and permits forty-eight months for repayment. This provides fixed monthly payments for the duration of the repayment. If the projected cumulative loan is subsequently reduced because of scholarship awards or at the borrower's request, the monthly payment amounts remain unchanged and the debt is retired early with an appropriate reduction in number of payments. Your payments may be authorized through a bank draft mechanism.

You may prepay any part of or all of your loan at any time without penalty.

Listed below are annual loan amounts with their corresponding monthly payments.

BORROWED PER YEAR	TOTAL BORROWED (8 SEMESTERS)	TOTAL INTEREST	TOTAL PAID	96 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF *
15,000	60,000	10,124.00	70,124.00	730.46
14,000	56,000	9,448.87	65,448.87	681.77
13,000	52,000	8,774.02	60,774.02	633.07
12,000	48,000	8,099.20	56,099.20	584.37
11,000	44,000	7,424.30	51,424.30	535.67
10,000	40,000	6,749.11	46,749.11	486.98
9,000	36,000	6,074.30	42,074.30	438.28
8,000	32,000	5,399.51	37,399.51	389.58
7,000	28,000	4,724.60	32,724.60	340.88
6,000	24,000	4,049.37	28,049.37	292.19
5,000	20,000	3,374.58	23,374.58	243.49
4,000	16,000	2,699.70	18,699.70	194.79

\*all loans are 95 equal payments with a slightly reduced amount for 96th payment