



HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ALTERNATIVE LOAN

An Alternative Loan is designed primarily to help students with educational or living expenses. Alternative Loans may be used to help cover unpaid balances from a previous term, academic year, or current expenses. In other words, alternative loans were designed to bridge the gap between college costs and traditional financial aid resources.

Alternative Loans cannot exceed the Cost of Attendance minus other Financial Aid. Alternative Loans are offered and serviced by private loan lenders. Students should exhaust ****federal loan eligibility*** before borrowing an Alternative Loan. Eligibility for an Alternative Loan is based on the student's and co-signer's (if required) credit history. Most Alternative Loans has both fixed and variable interest rate. **MSMU is an impartial party and cannot recommend any particular lender.**

How to Apply for an Alternative (Private) Loan:

1. Contact a lender of your choice to inquire about a private student loan which may include your local bank or credit union.
2. Complete the application process.
3. **Once approved, the lender will contact the school and a loan officer will confirm and certify the amount of loan for the term in question.**

Disbursement Information:

There are specific disbursement dates chosen by the school (www.msmu.edu). Please be aware once the loan is certified, **there is a 10 business day "grace period"** before the loan be can be disbursed to the school.

For any questions regarding your Alternative Loan, please email financialaidloans@msmu.edu along with you name and ID#