



**Alternative Loan Facts and
• ALTERNATIVE LOAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT •
2020-2021 Worksheet**

Financial Aid & Scholarships

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Student Last Name

First Name

MSU Billings ID

You've received this form because you are attempting to receive an alternative loan through a private lender. If you have not yet filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or do not wish to file a FAFSA, please sign your initials by items numbered 1 through 11. If you have any questions contact the Financial Aid Office using the information above.

SIGN YOUR INITIALS NEXT TO EACH ITEM

- _____ 1. I understand that by failing to complete the FAFSA I am giving up my right to any federal, state, or private GRANTS for which I may be eligible.
- _____ 2. I understand that by failing to complete the FAFSA application for federal and state aid, I am giving up my right to any federal low interest subsidized loans, such as the Stafford or Perkins loans, for which I may be eligible.
- _____ 3. I understand that by failing to complete the FAFSA application for federal or state aid, I am giving up my right to any federal low interest unsubsidized loans, such as the Direct Unsubsidized or PLUS loans, for which I may be eligible.
- _____ 4. I understand that by failing to complete the FAFSA application for federal or state aid, I am giving up my right to any future interest subsidies during periods of unemployment, illness, or in school status. Alternative loans do not offer interest subsidies that are available with Perkins or Stafford subsidized loans.
- _____ 5. I understand that by failing to complete the FAFSA application for federal or state aid, I will not be considered for need-based MSU-Billings' tuition waivers or need-based scholarships for which I may be eligible.
- _____ 6. I understand that by taking out an alternative loan, I may be required to obtain a co-signer, and that I will pay a higher interest rate than with federal or state loans for which I may be eligible.
- _____ 7. I understand that my interest rate on my alternative loan may be increased by the lender at any time and at the discretion of the lender.
- _____ 8. I understand that I may be deemed ineligible for an alternative loan by a private lender and denied funding. This determination is NOT made by the school or the financial aid office.
- _____ 9. I understand that alternative loans use credit history, credit worthiness, and/or credit readiness as criteria for approval, while Federal loans do NOT require credit history, credit worthiness, or credit readiness as conditions for approval.
- _____ 10. I understand that an alternative loan will ALWAYS constitute a separate loan payment when I enter my repayment term since alternative loans cannot be consolidated with federal loans such as Stafford, PLUS, or Perkins. A separate loan payment may cause undue financial hardship during repayment and prevent me from obtaining other types of consumer loans for items such as cars, houses, etc.
- _____ 11. I understand that I may be contacted by the MSU Billings Financial Education Success Specialist regarding counseling for my alternative loan.

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ADDITIONAL AID

1) Are you receiving a waiver for tuition and/or fees? Yes No

2) Please list any additional scholarships and/or outside resources that you are receiving:

SIGNATURES

I understand that by initialing each item above and affixing my signature below, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand all of the information presented to me, and it is still my intention and desire to apply for an alternative loan without first completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine any eligibility I may have for grants, federal student loans, and or other aid for which I may be eligible.

Student signature

Date