Subject: Important Changes to Federal Student Loans for 2026–27

Dear Coastline College Student,

Important Changes to Federal Student Loans for 2026–27

Beginning July 1, 2026, changes in federal law will affect how Federal Direct Loan eligibility is determined for students who enroll less than full-time.

These changes are required by federal law under the **One Big Beautiful Bill Act** and are not Coastline College policy.

What Is Changing?

Beginning with the 2026–27 award year, undergraduate students who are enrolled less than full-time may have their annual Federal Direct Loan limit reduced based on their enrollment level.

At Coastline College, 12 units is considered full-time enrollment for undergraduate students.

For example:

Enrollment	Enrollment Level	Potential Annual Loan Limit*
12 units	100%	100% of applicable annual loan limit
9 units	75%	75% of applicable annual loan limit
6 units	50%	50% of applicable annual loan limit
Less than 6 units	Less than half-time	Generally not eligible for Direct Loans

*These examples illustrate how enrollment level may affect the maximum annual loan limit. Your actual loan eligibility may be lower based on your grade level, annual and aggregate loan limits, cost of attendance, other financial aid, remaining loan eligibility, and other federal student aid requirements.

Important: The amounts shown above are examples and do not represent a guaranteed loan award. Your individual eligibility will be determined based on your specific circumstances and applicable federal requirements.

What Does This Mean for You?

If you are considering Federal Direct Loans to help pay for college, your enrollment level may affect the amount you can borrow.

For example, enrolling in 9 units rather than 12 units may reduce the maximum annual loan amount for which you are eligible. Students enrolled in fewer than 6 units are generally not eligible to receive Federal Direct Loan funds.

If you add or drop classes, your loan eligibility may change. Please contact the Coastline College Financial Aid Office before changing your enrollment if you have questions about how your enrollment may affect your financial aid or student loans.

Parent PLUS Loan Changes

Beginning July 1, 2026, new limits will also apply to Parent PLUS Loans.

For most dependent undergraduate students, parents may borrow up to:

- $20,000 per academic year, and
- $65,000 total for the student's undergraduate education.

The $65,000 aggregate limit applies per dependent undergraduate student, not per parent borrower.

Coastline College Is Preparing for These Changes

Coastline College is updating its systems, processes, and procedures to implement the new federal loan requirements accurately and in compliance with federal regulations.

We understand that these changes may raise questions about your 2026–27 financial aid and loan eligibility. Our Financial Aid team is working to ensure that loan eligibility, awards, and disbursements are processed as accurately as possible under the new requirements.

When Will My Loan Be Disbursed?

Our 2026–27 Direct Loan disbursement dates are being finalized as we complete the system and processing changes associated with the new federal requirements.

Disbursement dates will be posted on our website as soon as they are confirmed.

What Should You Do?

If you plan to use federal student loans to help pay for college:

- Carefully consider your enrollment when planning your courses.
- Be aware that enrolling less than full-time may affect your loan eligibility.
- Understand that adding or dropping classes may change your loan eligibility.
- Monitor your MyCoast student portal for updates regarding your financial aid and loan information.
- Contact the Coastline College Financial Aid Office before changing your enrollment if you have questions about how your enrollment may affect your financial aid or student loans.

We understand that financial aid is an important part of planning for college, and we know that changes to loan eligibility and disbursement timelines can be stressful. Our Financial Aid team is working diligently to implement these federal changes and provide you with accurate information as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we prepare for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Coastline College Financial Aid Office