

## YOUR AWARD LETTER

- ✓ Your award letter may list several types of aid. We have awarded your aid based on the enrollment status and living arrangements you indicated to us. We will adjust either if your status changes.
- ✓ You must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours in order to receive financial aid.
- ✓ All Federal Pell, SEOG, Tuition Fee Waivers and Institutional Scholarships are [automatically applied](#) to your institutional account at Langston University (main campus). At the end of the enrollment period, your new balance will be reflected on your account.
- ✓ All Stafford loans will be sent by [Electronic Fund Transfer \(EFT\)](#) by the lender in two installments (FALL/SPRING).
- ✓ If you are enrolled in at least six hours, all Stafford loans awarded will be automatically processed.
- ✓ If you [do not want](#) any of your loans, you **must notify** us in writing.
- ✓ If you have other outside resources such as Veteran's Voc Rehab, organizational scholarships, etc., please let us know in a timely manner so that your resources will not jeopardize your financial aid.
- ✓ All Parent borrowers must complete a "**PARENT LOAN AUTHORIZATION**" form.
- ✓ First-time borrowers must wait at least 30 days after classes begin before funds are disbursed to their account. Also, you must attend an [ENTRANCE LOAN COUNSELING SESSION](#) regarding your rights and responsibilities as an education loan borrower. You may access this session by going to our [Web site at www.lunet.edu](#).
- ✓ Our Financial Aid Programs are primarily for two semesters (FALL/SPRING); therefore, you may not have any eligibility remaining for the summer semester.
- ✓ Read carefully the "[Standard Academic Progress Policy](#)." All grades and number of hours enrolled will be carefully monitored at the end of the Spring semester. If you do not meet the minimum Standard Academic Progress requirements, you may forfeit all FEDERAL and STATE AID.
- ✓ If you enrolled and decided not to attend Langston University, [PLEASE OFFICIALLY WITHDRAW](#) or you may be responsible [for paying back](#) some of the federal financial aid. If you received a loan, you must attend the [EXIT LOAN SESSION](#) located on our Web Site.
- ✓ Students are advised to have approximately **\$500** available for the **purchase of books** at the start of the semester. Even though financial aid refunds may reimburse book expenses, such refunds may not allow for a timely purchase of books.

## TERMS TO KNOW

- ❖ **ACCURAL DATE** - The day interest charges on an educational loan.
- ❖ **AWARD LETTER** - A letter sent from the Financial Aid Office indicating the kinds and amounts of financial aid being held in reserve for the student. The amounts are distributed over the Fall and Spring semesters.
- ❖ **CAPITALIZATION** - The process of adding unpaid interest to the principal balance of an education loan, thereby increasing the total amount to be repaid and the monthly payment. Lenders may capitalize no more often than quarterly.
- ❖ **CONSOLIDATION** - A loan program that allows lenders to pay off several educational loans by creating one new loan for the borrower.
- ❖ **COST OF ATTENDANCE** - The estimated cost for an academic year. The estimated sum includes both [direct education cost](#) (tuition, fees, books, supplies) and [indirect costs](#) (room, board, transportation and personal expenses).
- ❖ **DEFAULT** - Failure of a borrower to repay his/her loan according to the terms agreed upon when the promissory note was signed.
- ❖ **DEFERMENT** - An authorized period of time during which a borrower may postpone principal or principal and interest payments.
- ❖ **DELINQUENCY** - Failure of a borrower to make a loan payment when due.
- ❖ **DISBURSEMENT** - The release of loan funds to the school for delivery to the borrower. The loan amounts are generally divided equally according to each semester.
- ❖ **ENTRANCE/EXIT INTERVIEW** - Counseling sessions that first-time borrowers and graduate students are required to attend before receiving their first loan disbursement and again before leaving school.
- ❖ **EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)** - The amount students and their families are expected to pay toward college expenses. (Calculated by using a standard formula, established by Congress, to analyze your financial information submitted on the FAFSA.)
- ❖ **FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)** - A Federal Grant Program designed to assist extremely needy students. The institution determines your eligibility based on your evaluated need, availability of funds and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pell Grant recipients with the lowest EFC will be the first awarded.
- ❖ **FEDERAL WORK-STUDY** - Part-time work for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need to earn funds for college while in school. The institution determines your eligibility based on your evaluated need, availability of funds and on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- ❖ **FINANCIAL AID** - Financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, employment opportunities and education loans from federal, state and private sources.

- ❖ **FINANCIAL NEED** - The difference between the cost of attending a particular school and the calculated family contribution, less other aid. A student's financial need determines the loan amount for which he/she qualifies.
- ❖ **FORBEARANCE** - An authorized period of time during which the lender agrees to temporarily postpone a borrower's principal repayment obligation. Interest payments continue to be the borrower's responsibility.
- ❖ **GRANT** - A form of gift aid which does not have to be repaid. Grants are usually awarded on the basis of financial need; however, some have academic requirements as well.
- ❖ **GUARANTY AGENCY** - A state, regional, or national organization acting as an agent for the federal government to administer and insure Federal Family Education Loans made by lenders.
- ❖ **LENDER** - A financial institution (bank, savings and loan, or credit union) that provides the funds for students and parents to borrow educational loans.
- ❖ **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT (OTAG)** - Need based state grant program administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- ❖ **PELL GRANT** - A Federal Grant Program designed to assist needy students. Awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. Does not have to be repaid.
- ❖ **PARENT LOAN** - A Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is borrowed by a parent for a dependent child to assist in paying educational expenses. The repayment must begin within 60 days after the final disbursement for the period of enrollment for which you borrowed.
- ❖ **REPAYMENT SCHEDULE** – Discloses the borrower's monthly payment, interest rate, total repayment obligation, due dates and length of time for repaying the loan.
- ❖ **SAR** - A summary statement provided by the Federal processor detailing information provided by the student on the FAFSA. This report is known as the Student Aid Report. The hard copy is sent to the student and an electronic copy is sent to the school designated by the student.
- ❖ **SCHOLARSHIP** - A form of aid which is not repaid and is usually awarded on the basis of academic merit or special talent.
- ❖ **STUDENT/FAMILY CONTRIBUTION** - The amount a student/family is able to contribute to a student's college education. The student/family contribution is determined after the Department of Education analyzes the financial data provided by the student/family on the FAFSA.
- ❖ **SUBSIDIZED LOAN** - A need-based loan in which interest is paid by the federal government during the in-school, grace and deferment periods.
- ❖ **TUITION FEE WAIVER AND INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - Tuition Fee Waivers and Scholarships are available from different sources. These waive TUITION ONLY. If grades do not meet the standards of that scholarship, you may forfeit the SPRING award. Since some tuition fee waivers are need based, you may be requested to complete the Federal FAFSA.
- ❖ **UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN** - This loan is available to students regardless of financial need. The interest is paid by the borrower, not by the federal government. The borrower may choose to defer all interest until graduation or pay the interest charges on a monthly basis.