

# How do I complete Entrance Counseling?

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[Student Loan Entrance Counseling](#) is an important required step in the financial aid process. We want to be sure that when you take out loans you fully understand what you're signing up for.

## To access Entrance Counseling:

1. Log in to [Studentaid.gov](#) using your [account details](#)
  - Select "Loans and Grants" on the top navigation bar
  - Select " Loan Entrance Counseling" under "Get a Loan." From here, you will be able to:
    - Complete loan entrance counseling
    - View proof of counseling completion

Parents borrowing a Direct PLUS Loan to pay for their child's education are not required to complete entrance counseling unless the student is

a graduate or professional student who has not received PLUS loan previously.

To complete entrance counseling as an undergraduate student or graduate/professional student, you will need:

- Approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. Entrance counseling must be completed in a single session.
- Your [StudentAid.gov](#) login details. Students must log in using their own account information to complete Entrance Counseling. **Use of another person's account constitutes fraud. Use only your own account information.**
- Name(s) of the school(s) you wish to notify of counseling completion

## Useful Information to Have

Any details on your income, financial aid, and living expenses. Some of this information can be found in:

- Your student account information
  - A copy of the financial aid offer letter from your school's financial aid office (if you have received it)
  - A listing of the [tuition and fees](#) for your school
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