

Benefits of a PAL

- No application fees
- No origination fees
- Loan may be in the parent's or student's name**
- Local, non-profit lender located in Columbia, SC
- The interest rate will never change after loan approval, so you will never be caught off guard by a higher payment amount due to an increase in your interest rate
- You can choose to pay the interest while enrolled to help lower your monthly payments once you complete your education
- Your PAL interest payments may be tax deductible*
- You will receive excellent service by SC Student Loan for the life of the loan
- If you have other loans with SC Student Loan, you will receive a single, monthly statement for all of your loans
- A .25% interest rate reduction if you sign up for Automatic Bank Draft



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SC Student Loan reserves the right to alter, suspend, or terminate benefits at any time. Some conditions and/or restrictions may apply to benefit programs.

* We strongly recommend that you consult an expert tax advisor to discuss how the regulations apply to your particular situation, or that you review the tax laws and applicable regulations to determine whether the interest paid on your educational loan is deductible. SCSL cannot ensure that interest paid on individual loan(s) will be tax-deductible.

** Parent borrowers allowed for participating schools only.



Palmetto Assistance Loan



Private educational loan with a
low, fixed interest rate

The **Palmetto Assistance Loan (PAL)** is SC Student Loan's private education loan for students enrolled at least half-time in an eligible school, or parents borrowing on behalf of the benefitting student.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a PAL loan, you and/or the benefitting student, as applicable, must:

- be a student or the natural or adoptive parent of a student;
- be enrolled at least a half-time in a certificate or degree granting program at an eligible school;
- be attending a public or not-for profit college or university (exception: Charleston School of Law) located within the U.S. that is deemed eligible by the U.S. Department of Education for participation in the Title IV, HEA programs and that has a 3-year cohort default rate of less than 20% for the most recent reporting year. Due to conflicts with applicable state laws, residents of MA, OK, and WV are not eligible;
- be a SC resident attending an eligible school in the U.S., or an out-of-state resident attending an eligible SC school;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution for other financial aid programs;
- not be incarcerated;
- be creditworthy;
- be in good standing on other educational loans; and
- be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident of the U.S.

Will I Need a Cosigner?

All borrowers under the age of 24 are required to have a creditworthy cosigner, preferably a parent or guardian. Other eligible borrowers are not required to have a cosigner unless they fail to meet credit requirements. PLEASE NOTE: You may not be your own cosigner. A cosigner must be at least 24 years of age, be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident, and must be employed or retired to qualify.

Interest Rate

PAL loans first approved on or after August 9, 2016, will have a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan of 4.99%. If a borrower chooses to postpone payments of full interest while the student is enrolled on at least a half-time basis, the borrower's interest rate will be 6.99%.

Current Interest Rates		
	Fixed Interest Rate ¹	APR ²
Making interest-only payments during the Enrolled Period, then full payments during repayment	4.99%	5.04%
Making a \$25/month minimum payment during the Enrolled Period, then full payments during repayment	6.99%	7.56%

¹ Please note that interest begins accruing after each disbursement and any interest not paid during the Enrolled or Forbearance Periods is capitalized (added to the principal balance) on a quarterly basis.

² The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) shown is based on a \$10,000 loan amount and reflects the accruing interest, the effect of capitalized interest, an enrollment period consisting of at least four years of half-time enrollment, and making equal payments over the term of the loan. APR varies with the length of the repayment period.

Disbursement

Loan funds will be sent directly to the student's college or university via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) according to the dates that the school provides us.

Loan Amount

You may request a minimum of \$2,000 up to an annual maximum of the cost of attendance less any other financial aid. PAL loans have a lifetime maximum of \$100,000 for the borrower or cosigner which includes PAL loans previously obtained through SC Student Loan.

Repayment

Interest payments are due while the student is enrolled in school unless the borrower elects on the application to postpone interest payments. Interest accrues on the loan from the date of the first disbursement and is capitalized quarterly. *Borrowers choosing to postpone full interest payments during enrollment will be required to make a \$25 minimum monthly payment per loan (not to exceed \$50 per borrower).* Payments made during the period of enrollment will begin within 60 days of the loan being fully disbursed.

Full repayment (principal + interest) begins within 60 days after the student drops below half-time enrollment. Balances less than \$17,500 are scheduled to repay within 10 years. Balances of \$17,500 or more are scheduled to repay within 15 years.

Amount Borrowed	Length of Repayment*	4.99% Monthly Payment Amount*	6.99% Monthly Payment Amount*
\$10,000	10 years	\$107.00	\$117.00
\$15,000	10 years	\$160.00	\$175.00
\$20,000	15 years	\$159.00	\$180.00
\$40,000	15 years	\$317.00	\$360.00
\$60,000	15 years	\$475.00	\$539.00

* Example payment amounts and lengths of repayment are estimates based on a minimum \$50/month payment and the fixed interest rate shown.

How to apply

Completing the online pre-application can save valuable time during the application process as well as help the school's Financial Aid Administrator complete your financial aid award package as soon as possible.

1. Visit www.scstudentloan.org.
2. Click *Apply For a Loan*.
3. Under Palmetto Assistance Loan, click *Apply Online Now*.
4. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

You may also obtain a paper application from your school's financial aid office or SC Student Loan.