

## **Important Changes to Federal Student Loans for 2026-2027 – Undergraduate students**

On July 4, 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) was signed into law. This federal legislation includes several changes to federal student aid programs that may affect students and families beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

Please read below because your financial aid may be affected by one or more of these revisions.

**Enrollment Status:** Students who are not full-time will be subject to the Schedule of Reduction (SOR) rules and their federal loans will be prorated according to their enrollment status. Therefore, it is very important that undergraduate students enroll in a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year.

### **Parent PLUS loans**

- New borrowers and parents (who have NEVER borrowed at SMWC).
  - Parent PLUS Loans will be limited to \$20,000 per year, per dependent student.
  - Parent PLUS Loans will be limited to a lifetime maximum of \$65,000 per dependent student.
- Current borrower and parents
  - If the student or parent had a loan disburse prior to June 30, 2026, you are exempt from these new guidelines as long as the student does not change programs (degree types) or cease enrollment beyond scheduled breaks.

For more information regarding these updates, you can visit: [OBBBA](#).