2018-2019 Graduate Program Certification

A student not enrolled in a degree program is eligible for Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans for up to one year if she/he is taking prerequisite coursework necessary for admission to an eligible graduate program at UNCW. Non-degree students are eligible for up to $12,500 in Federal Direct Loans. Receipt of aid as a non-degree student is limited to only one consecutive 12-month period.

In order to obtain financial aid as a non-degree student you must:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

2. Have an Academic Advisor, Department Chair, or Program Coordinator complete a Preparatory Letter describing under what conditions the student will be admitted to the regular program.

   Preparatory letters must:
   - Appear on official UNCW letterhead;
   - State the course(s) and course number(s) required;
   - State that the courses being taken are prerequisites for entry into a specific named program; and
   - Must be signed by the Department Chair or Program Coordinator.

3. Complete any additional requirements the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid may request.

Please indicate below the basis for your eligibility by initialing each statement. This form must be submitted to continue processing your loan application.

I am applying for a Federal Direct Student Loan as a graduate certification student and:

_____ I am pursuing a program of study necessary for admission to a UNCW graduate program.

   Note: Student is able to borrow at undergraduate levels, based on Federal regulations. Maximum loan eligibility is $12,500 for one 12-month period.

_____ I have not previously borrowed Federal Direct Student Loans used for preparatory course work for the purpose of admission to a degree program.

_____ I understand half-time enrollment (6 credit hours) is required for Federal loan eligibility.

Student's Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________