

# 2025-2026 Degree Certification



**BEMIDJI**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

A student who has completed a four-year degree and plans to enroll at Bemidji State University in an additional undergraduate program should complete this form if they wish to apply for a student loan. (Grants are not available after earning a four-year degree.) You must have an official transcript on file with the BSU Admissions Office for all schools you previously attended. File this form with the Financial Aid Office at the beginning of each year of enrollment until requirements are met for the additional program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (*please print*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

I currently have the following four-year or graduate degrees (do not list 2-year degrees):

Degree	Major	Year Earned	Institution
Example: BA	English	2024	Bemidji State University

Federal regulations exclude a second major from Federal loan eligibility unless a different degree is also earned. **Please indicate below which program you are pursuing:**

- Second Degree  
Degree type (ex. BA, BS, BAS, BFA), must be a different type than your first degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Major: \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaching  
Certification, re-certification, or license in: \_\_\_\_\_
- Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Preparatory courses required by a graduate school to which you have applied, prior to admitting you into one of their graduate programs. Must attach letter from graduate school dean listing specific preparatory courses required.  
Name of Grad School and Program: \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional major/minor (eligible for MN SELF Loan or other private loan only): \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Enrollment:  Fall Semester 2025     Spring Semester 2026     Summer Semester 2026

I plan to complete my program:  Fall     Spring     Summer    Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return Form to: Financial Aid Office, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #14, Bemidji, MN 56601  
Phone: 218-755-2034 \* FAX: 218-755-4361 \* BSU Toll Free: 1-877-755-FAID \* [financialaid@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:financialaid@bemidjistate.edu)  
[www.bemidjistate.edu/mybsu/resources/forms](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/mybsu/resources/forms)

## Loan Program Guide for Students Who Have a 4-year Degree

**NOTE:** Federal and State Grants end after a student earns a 4-year baccalaureate degree.

Degree You Have Earned at BSU	Degree You Are Working Toward at BSU	You May Apply For the Following Student Loan Programs at BSU		
		State Loan	Federal Direct Loan	Private Alternative Loan
BA Degree BA Degree	BA Degree BS Degree	Yes Yes	*No Yes	Yes Yes
BS Degree BS Degree	BS Degree BA Degree	Yes Yes	*No Yes	Yes Yes
MA Degree MA Degree	MA Degree MS Degree	Yes Yes	*No Yes	Yes Yes
MS Degree MS Degree	MS Degree MA Degree	Yes Yes	*No Yes	Yes Yes

\*A student with a 4-year degree from an institution may not receive Federal loan if enrolled in a second major within the same degree at that institution. Students receive only one BA, BS, MA or MS degree at an institution and often confuse receiving a second major with receiving a second “degree.” The Federal government allows only certain exceptions to this rule. They are indicated on the reverse side. A student who earned a baccalaureate degree at one institution, however, is eligible to apply for a Federal loan at a second degree granting institution.

Additional state loan and private alternative loan information is available on the BSU website at:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/mybsu/finances/aid/loans/>

A student who mixes graduate and undergraduate credits may find the credits which do not apply toward the degree ineligible for funding. Example: If you are enrolled in a Master’s degree program, credits for determining loan eligibility may not include undergraduate credits.