If this is your first time receiving a Federal Direct Student Loan, you will need to log-in to studentloans.gov using your Federal Student Aid PIN to:

- Complete Entrance Counseling, which is a tool to ensure you understand your obligation to repay the loan; and
- Sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN), agreeing to the terms of the loan.

(Use of another person’s PIN constitutes fraud. Use only your own PIN information)

**What is Entrance Counseling?**
The online Entrance Counseling session will help you understand your rights and obligations as a student loan borrower. It is required for first-time Federal Direct Loan borrowers. *Be sure to complete the Entrance Counseling session as a GRADUATE student.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Financial Awareness Counseling on the website does not meet the requirement of Entrance Counseling.

**What is a Master Promissory Note (MPN)?**
The Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a legal document through which you promise to repay your loan(s) and any accrued interest and fees to the U.S. Department of Education. It also explains the terms and conditions of your loan(s); for instance, it will include information on how interest is calculated and what deferment and cancellation provisions are available to you. As a Federal Direct Loan borrower, you must complete the MPN before you receive your loan funds. If you are taking out a Federal Direct PLUS Loan, you will be required to sign a Graduate PLUS Loan MPN.

**If I completed an Entrance Counseling at another school, do I have to do it again?**
No, you can notify DePaul of a previously completed Entrance Counseling session. Log-in to studentloans.gov and select “View Completed Counseling” in the left hand column. In the “Notify Additional School” column on the right side, choose the “Select School” button to add DePaul University.

**How will DePaul know that I have completed my loan requirements?**
DePaul will be notified electronically, usually within three business days that you have completed the MPN and Entrance Counseling.