

Private or Alternative Loan Lender Information

Private or Alternative loans may provide a source of funding for educational expenses but they are best utilized after federal, state and institutional scholarships, grants and loans are applied for and utilized. It is important to determine your eligibility for these other forms of assistance prior to applying for and accepting private student loans.

All students are encouraged to apply for federal financial aid (grants, work-study, loans) through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)). Federal student loans may have more favorable terms than private education loans. Lastly, private education loans may reduce the student's eligibility for free or lower cost financial aid available to a student. Students may begin the process of applying for federal student loans through the UCA Financial Aid website or by going directly to the federal government's web site to complete the [FAFSA](#).

Lenders

Below you will find a comprehensive list of the private education loan lenders that UCA students have used within the last three years. It is not a preferred lender list. It is important that you compare the terms and conditions of the loans before you commit to a particular lender.

Lender Name	Phone Number	Website
Arkansas Federal Credit Union	1-866-438-1448	http://afcu.studentchoice.org/
Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc.	1-800-232-5505	www.eref.org
Arkansas State Board of Nursing	1-501-686-2700	http://www.arsbn.org/loans-scholarships
Citizens Bank	1-888-333-0169	https://studentloans.citizensbank.com/student
College Avenue	1-844-422-7502	https://www.collegeavestudentloans.com/
Discover Student Loans	1-800-788-3368	https://discoverstudentloans.com/college
Great Southern Bank	1-866-439-0993	https://www.greatsouthernbank.com/personal/private-student-loans
Lendkey Technologies	1-877-847-3964	Lendkey.com
Regions Bank	1-844-827-7478	https://www.regions.com/personal-banking/borrow/student-loans-sallie-mae
Sallie Mae Student Loans/Sallie Mae Bank	1-800-472-5543/1-855-765-5626	http://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/
Suntrust Bank	1-866-296-3637	https://www.suntrust.com/loans/student-loans
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	1-501-686-5374	http://nursing.uams.edu/
Wells Fargo Educational Financial Services	1-877-315-77224	http://www.wellsfargo.com/student