



Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Parent Loan for Undergrad Students

The Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is a resource that parents may secure in order to help finance the gap between the cost of attendance and other financial aid.

Below are some important facts you need to know before applying for the PLUS loan. If you have any questions that are not addressed here, please contact the Student Financial Services office at 503.554.2290 or 1.800.765.4369 ext. 2290.

HOW MUCH MAY I BORROW? The maximum amount you may borrow is the difference between the cost of attendance on the award letter and the total of all financial aid that your student has accepted. This includes any scholarships from outside resources that have not been included in your current award letter. ***Please note: Direct Loans charges a 2.5% origination fee that is deducted from each disbursement.***

IS THE LOAN TAKEN OUT IN THE NAME OF BOTH PARENTS? No, only one parent borrower name may be used. That same parent needs to fill out the online promissory note.

HOW DO I QUALIFY? To qualify, the parent borrower must complete the PLUS Loan Request Form and pass a basic credit check. We will submit this form for you.

WHAT IF I AM DENIED? You may contact Direct Loans to see if the decision can be reversed with additional documentation. With a denied parent loan, the student becomes eligible to borrow additional funds in the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan program. Loan amounts are up to \$4000 for freshmen and sophomores and up to \$5000 for juniors and seniors. Please indicate on the PLUS Loan Request Form if your student would like the additional Stafford loan if your PLUS is denied.

WHAT IS THE INTEREST RATE? The interest rate will be a fixed rate of 7.9%.

MAY I DEFER MY PAYMENTS UNTIL MY STUDENT HAS COMPLETED HIS OR HER EDUCATION? You may request that your payment be deferred while your student is attending school at least half time. You can still make payments on the loan while your student is in school. Direct Loans will send you information that will explain several payment options. Typically your first payment will be due within 60 days of the last disbursement.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO DO? Yes, you will need to complete a promissory note. This can be done by going online to www.studentloans.gov. You will need your federal PIN# to sign this note electronically. You may apply for a federal PIN# if you don't already have one at www.pin.ed.gov.

MAY I SEND MY PLUS REQUEST FORM TO YOU BY FAX? YES! You may fax or mail the completed and signed form to us:

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