



2024-25 Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Processing

- The borrower is the **parent**; a credit-worthy endorser (or cosigner) is sometimes required
- U.S. Department of Education is the lender
- The student for whom the loan is borrowed must be enrolled in at least 6 credits and meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress to be eligible
- For PLUS loans disbursed on or after 7/1/24 and before 6/30/25, the interest is fixed at **9.083%**; this rate is fixed for the life of the loan
- The origination fee should be set sometime in June 2024, at which time this document will be updated
- Maximum amount is the cost of attendance (determined by the school) minus all other financial aid
- Credit approval expires after 180 days; there will be an inquiry on your credit each time you apply, so you are encouraged to apply once to cover the entire year (fall and spring terms)
- Repayment begins once the loan has been fully disbursed, but a deferment may be requested while your child is enrolled at least half-time (6+ credits)
- Several repayment options; generally 10-25 years depending on the plan selected

Application Process

- Ensure the student's 2024-25 FAFSA has been completed via fafsa.ed.gov
- Parent will log in [HERE](#) using his/her FSA ID, select Request Direct PLUS Loan→Parent PLUS
- If credit approved, complete the PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) for PLUS loans for undergraduate students [HERE](#)
- If credit denied, there are two options
 - 1) The **student** qualifies for up to an additional \$4,000 in the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans and should contact the Financial Aid Office
 - 2) Parent can continue to pursue the loan by adding a credit-worthy endorser, who acts as a cosigner; that person's credit is run for approval

Once an approved PLUS loan application is received a PLUS loan authorization form will be mailed to the parent. This form must be returned to the college before the loan may be fully processed.

The Student Accounts Office will notify the family **in writing** that the loan has been disbursed to the student's account, provide an opportunity to refuse all or part of the loan, and provide a date on which a refund (if applicable) will be available. If you elect to have the borrower receive a refund, a check will be mailed to the address provided on the Parent PLUS application. Account information, including balance/credit information, can also be viewed in the Student Accounts section of the student's Self Service Banner account.