

Federal PLUS Loan

The Federal PLUS Loan is a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students. It was established to ease the financial burden that the cost of post-secondary education places on many families who generally do not qualify for other forms of financial assistance. Loan funds may be used only to pay for a student's educational costs. Parent borrowers may not have adverse credit history.

Parents can finance up to 100% of their dependent child's undergraduate education (less any student financial aid or scholarships). Eligible students must be enrolled at least half-time at an accredited school, college or university. Parents may qualify for a Federal PLUS Loan even if their financial assets limit their eligibility for other loans. A fee will be deducted from the loan proceeds sent to the college.

Flexible Repayment Terms

Parents have up to 10 years to repay and may choose from several flexible repayment plans. Repayment normally begins within 60 days of final loan disbursement for the school year.

In-School Forbearance

Immediate repayment of a Federal PLUS Loan may be postponed while your dependent student is enrolled at least half-time (for up to four academic years). Interest will accrue during the period you do not make payments.

Interest Rate

The interest rate is fixed at 7.9%. There is a 4% origination fee and an up-front interest rebate of 1.5%.

To apply for a Federal PLUS Loan, the parent should complete a [Federal Direct PLUS Loan Request Form](#). **New Borrowers must also complete a [Federal PLUS Loan Promissory Note](#). The application process must be completed by *JULY 1* if you wish to use the loan to pay the Fall semester's bill.**

