



Federal Direct PLUS (Parent) Loan Application Instructions

The Direct PLUS (Parent) Loan is an optional federal loan for eligible parent(s) of dependent, undergraduate students who are attending at least half-time (6 units) each semester, and who have received a financial aid award. The PLUS loan is solely in the name of the parent(s), not the student, and it is not transferable. Parents can borrow up to the student's cost of attendance minus any other aid received.

Direct PLUS (Parent) Loan Application Process:

In order to be eligible for a PLUS loan, the student must have completed a FAFSA, submitted the requested documents on their Passport to-do list, and received a Financial Aid award.

Step 1: Complete the Direct PLUS Loan Application for Parents and the PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>.

What would you need:

- Verified FSA ID. To obtain the FSA ID go to [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](https://studentaid.gov/fsaid).
- School Name
- Student Information
- Personal Information
- Employer's Information

The PLUS credit counseling is **required if the parent has an adverse credit history**, and is strongly encouraged (optional) for all parent borrowers.

Step 2: Complete and submit this 2025-2026 Federal Direct PLUS (Parent) application to the Financial Aid Office.

Step 3: Once the Direct PLUS Loan application is received, information is forwarded electronically to the Direct Loan Processor for a credit check. The Financial Aid Office will receive notification of the application decision from the U.S. Department of Education. By signing the PLUS Loan Application, you authorize a credit check to be performed. The credit check will be valid for 180 days, but any additional borrowing will require a new form and a new specific amount must be entered. Once this form is received, the credit check can take up to 5 business days.

Enrollment Requirements

Students must be continuously enrolled in at least six units (half-time enrollment) each semester as an undergraduate to receive the loan. If the student drops below half-time enrollment at any time during the loan period, and/or if the student has not received satisfactory grades for the minimum number of units required, he/she may not be eligible for the loan proceeds the subsequent semester.

Interest Rate

8.94% - Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2025 and before July 1, 2026. These are fixed interest rates for the life of the loan.

Origination Fee

Beginning October 1st 2020 the origination fee will be 4.228% of the amount borrowed. Origination fee is subtracted from the amount that will be disbursed.

Disbursement of Funds

Financial Aid funds are applied towards any current outstanding debt owed to the school (i.e. tuition, campus fees). Remaining funds, if any, are refunded to the parent. If the parent wishes the PLUS loan refund to be disbursed directly to the student, please indicate so on the PLUS Loan Application form.



2025-2026

FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS (PARENT) LOAN APPLICATION

Student ID #:	Student Last Name	Student First Name
Last 4-digits of SSN:	Date of Birth	

SECTION A: LOAN INFORMATION (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

Specify Requested Loan Amount: \$ _____

Loan Period Requested: _____ Academic year 2025-2026

_____ Spring 2026 only

_____ Fall 2025 only

_____ Summer 2026 only

SECTION B: PARENT INFORMATION (PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION FOR THE PARENT BORROWER)

Social Security Number:	Date of Birth:		
Last Name:	First:	Middle Initial:	
Permanent Home Address:			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone#:	Cell#:	Work#:	
Email Address:			

Relationship to student:

___ Mother

___ Father

___ Other (specify) _____

Citizenship Status:

___ U.S. Citizen or National

___ Permanent Resident or Other Eligible Non-Citizen

(Provide Alien Registration Number _____)

___ None of the above

Are you a previous borrower?

___ Yes

___ No

Driver's License Number: _____

Driver's License State: _____

Do you consent to have PLUS Loan refunded and disbursed directly to the student? Yes _____ No _____

SECTION C: AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education to investigate my credit record and report the information concerning my credit to the proper persons or organizations. By signing this form, I certify that all of the information to qualify for student financial aid is complete and correct. **If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**

Parent Signature: X _____	Date: X _____
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Berkeley City College
2050 Center Street
Berkeley, CA 94704
FAFSA School Code: 014311

College of Alameda
555 Atlantic Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501
FAFSA School Code: 006720

Laney College
900 Fallon Street
Oakland, CA 94607
FAFSA School Code: 001266

Merritt College
12500 Campus Drive
Oakland, CA 94619
FAFSA School Code: 001267