

# Parent PLUS Loan Information and Application Form


**Financial Aid Services**

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## Information about the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan:

The Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan is a low-interest, credit based loan program, that enables parents of dependent undergraduate students to borrow directly from the Federal Government to help pay for the student's educational expenses. A parent can borrow up to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid received. Before applying for a Parent PLUS Loan you must file the 2020-2021 Student FAFSA

**Interest Rate, Fees and Credit Requirements:**

- ♦ The interest rate is currently fixed at 5.30%\*, with an origination fee of 4.236%\*, deducted from the loan before disbursement.
  - \* Interest rate and origination fee are subject to change.
  - ♦ The parent borrower is required to pass a credit check.
  - ♦ If credit is approved, the borrower must complete a Loan Agreement for PLUS Loan (MPN) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov), which is valid for 10 years and for all future approved PLUS loans for the same borrower.
  - ♦ If credit is denied, the loan can be approved with an Endorser\*\*, or student can receive a limited amount of additional unsubsidized loan funds.
- Note:** \*\*Loan Agreement (MPN) for loans approved with an Endorser are only valid for that single loan.

**Repayment and Deferments:**

- ♦ Repayment of Parent PLUS loans begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed.
- ♦ The Parent PLUS loans offer a variety of repayment options:
  - **The Standard Repayment Plan** allows repayment of your loans in 10 years with a fixed monthly payment.
  - **The Graduated Repayment Plan** allows you to start with lower monthly payments at first, and then gradually increases your payments until your loan is fully repaid in ten years.
  - **The Extended Repayment Plan** allows you to repay your loan over a period not to exceed 25 years. There are eligibility requirements for the Extended Repayment Plan.
- ♦ A deferment may be requested with the loan servicer, while the student is enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program.
- ♦ You will be assigned to one of 10 Federal Loan Services to repay your PLUS loan.

Examples of each plan are given below:

Initial debt when you enter repayment	Standard Repayment Plan		Graduated Repayment Plan		Extended Repayment Plan	
	Monthly Payment	Total Repaid	Monthly Payment	Total Repaid	Monthly Payment	Total Repaid
\$10,000	\$119	\$14,307	\$69-\$208	\$15,529	Not Available	Not Available
\$50,000	\$596	\$71,535	\$347-\$1,041	\$77,656	\$373	\$111,826
\$70,000	\$835	\$100,148	\$486-\$1,457	\$108,703	\$522	\$156,557

For additional information on repayment plans or to request a deferment, please contact your assigned loan servicer or visit [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

**If credit is approved**, and you have not previously signed a Master Promissory Note for a Parent PLUS Loan for this student, use your FSA ID to complete the promissory note online at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov):

- ♦ Login with your FSA ID and password- if you do not have one, you will be instructed how to create one on the site.
- ♦ **Click on the "Parent" tab and choose "Complete a Master Promissory Note for a Parent PLUS Loan".**
- ♦ Make sure to use the correct Parent borrower and student information.
- ♦ Once the Parent Borrower successfully completes the promissory note and it is accepted, an electronic notification is sent to the school.
- ♦ After the school receives the electronic notification of acceptance for the Master Promissory Note, the semester loan amount minus the origination fee is disbursed to the student's University account, at the scheduled time.

**If credit is denied**, the Parent Borrower receives notification from Direct Loan Servicing Center, with the loan denial reason and the reporting credit bureau. This notification includes information on how to:

- ♦ Appeal the credit decision and/or provide an Endorser to get the loan approved.
- ♦ Borrower also receives notification of credit denial from UMass Financial Aid Services, including a **PLUS Denial Follow-Up Form**, with the option for the student to receive an additional unsubsidized loan, or to let us know if you will be appealing the credit decision or using an Endorser.
- ♦ The student may be eligible to receive additional unsubsidized loans up to the annual established limits: Freshmen/Sophomores up to \$4,000; Juniors/Seniors up to \$5,000. An unsubsidized loan accrues interest while the student is in school.
- ♦ To receive the additional unsubsidized loan, please submit the completed **PLUS Denial Follow-up Form** to Financial Aid Services.

### TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOAN:

Complete the Application form below and fax it to (413) 545-1700. Remember to include the origination fees in the requested amount.

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### A. Student Information:

Please make sure you have filed a 2020-2021 FAFSA before applying for this loan.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SPIRE ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First MI

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Student's UMass Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

Cell Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School:  1st Yr Freshman  2nd Yr Sophomore  
 3rd Yr Junior  4th Yr Senior

### B. Loan Information:

Loan Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Remember to include the origination fee in the total amount).

Loan Period - Please Check One:

- Academic Year- Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Term - Loan disbursed 50% Fall / 50% Spring  
 Fall Term Only- Loan Disbursed in one payment  
 Spring Term Only- Loan Disbursed in one payment

### C. Parent Borrower Information:

(Please Print or Type clearly, make sure all information is correct, remember to sign the application)

Parent Name (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student:  Mother  Father  
 Stepparent

Social Sec. #: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male  
MM DD YYYY

Citizenship Status:  US Citizen or National  Permanent Resident or Eligible Non Citizen: A \_\_\_\_\_  
DHS Alien Registration Number

Permanent Address (include apt. #): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified via email of loan approval or denial.

### D. Statement of Non Default Status and Educational Purpose

I certify that I do not owe a refund on any grant, I am not in default on any loan or have made satisfactory progress to repay any defaulted loan, and have not borrowed in excess of the loan limits under Title IV programs at any institution; that I will use any funds I receive from this application solely for expenses related to my attendance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. I authorize any PLUS loan amounts to be credited to the student's account and any excess funds to be issued to the student.

PLUS Borrower signature (parent/stepparent): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

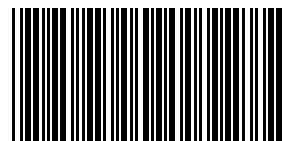
Application will not be process without all signatures. Digital signatures are not accepted

Fax completed signed form to: 413-545-1700

or email to: [fadocs@umass.edu](mailto:fadocs@umass.edu)

(Attachments must be a standard image file, or in one of the following file formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf)

School Use ONLY - Parent PS ID:



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