Undergraduate Direct PLUS Loan Request Form/Worksheet

The Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is a non-need based educational loan program for parents, step-parents, and legal guardians of dependent undergraduate students. PLUS loans at the University of Maryland must be borrowed through The William D. Ford Direct Lending Program and they are usually cheaper than most consumer loans. The student is required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to apply for the Direct PLUS loan. If you have any questions about the Direct PLUS loan, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) at 301-314-9000.

Credit Check: The Department of Education will approve or deny the loan based on a review of the parent borrower’s credit history. If a PLUS application is denied, the student may qualify to borrow an additional Unsubsidized Direct Loan. Contact our office for more information.

Required Enrollment: Students must enroll for at least 6 credits for each semester in which the loan will be received.

Borrowing Limits: Parents may borrow up to the student’s yearly Projected Cost of Education (as determined by OSFA) minus all other aid the student is receiving (including other loans).

Interest Rate: The PLUS interest rate is fixed at 7.9%. Interest begins accruing when the loan is disbursed.

Processing Fees: The Department of Education is authorized to charge the borrower origination and guarantee fees. These fees will not exceed 4% of the amount borrowed and they will be deducted from each semester’s disbursement.

Repayment Terms: Repayment begins 60 days after the funds are fully disbursed, and the repayment term is up to 10 years. However, there exists the option for parents to defer payments on the Parent PLUS loan while the undergraduate student on whose behalf they borrowed the PLUS loan is in-school and for a six month grace period after the student graduates or drops below half-time enrollment.

Direct PLUS Application Instructions

1. Complete following form and submit it to OSFA. We will transmit this information to the Department of Education.

2. Complete your PLUS loan Master Promissory Note with the Dept. of Education at http://www.studentloans.gov (If you submit a hard copy Direct Loan PLUS MPN to our office, it will cause a delay in processing)

3. Make sure that a parent’s email address is included on the request — the main form of communication from the Department of Education and our office is via email.

4. Incomplete forms will delay processing.
University of Maryland PLUS Loan Request Form

To Be Completed By The Student:

1. Student’s Name: ______________________________________ Student’s SSN: ____________________________

2. Have you filed a 2012 – 2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes____ Will File___

NOTE: Students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to get a parent PLUS Loan. If you have not yet completed the FAFSA we will hold your PLUS loan request until we receive your FAFSA. Please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the application. Our federal school code is 002103.

3. What is your expected graduation date? __________

To Be Completed By The Parent:

4. Parent’s Name: ______________________________________ Parent’s SSN: ____________________________

5. Loan Period (Check one): ☐ Fall and Spring ☐ Fall only ☐ Spring only ☐ Summer only

6. Loan Amount Requested: $_______________ or ☐ Maximum Amount Allowed

7. Parent’s Date of Birth: _________________ Parent’s Daytime Phone #: ____________________________

8. Parent’s Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

9. Parent’s E-mail Address: ________________________________________________________________

Lender Name: U.S Department of Education

I, the parent borrower, consent to allow the U.S. Department of Education and its agents to obtain a report of my credit record and use the information from that report in determining whether to award a Federal Direct PLUS Loan to me. I understand that I will be notified in writing the results of the credit check with respect to my loan application.

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Parent Signature Date

01/24/2012