

What is a Parent PLUS Loan?

A fixed interest loan for parents of dependent students to help pay for their post-secondary education.

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships



Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological or adoptive parent of the student whom you are borrowing. • Your child must be a dependent student enrolled in at least six credits. • Must have a current year FAFSA on file. • Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
Parent PLUS Loan Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents may borrow up to the cost of attendance minus student financial aid and outside resources. • An origination fee is deducted from each distribution of loan fund. • A credit check is required.

Parent PLUS Application

www.studentaid.gov

For Denials:	1-800-507-7394
For All Other Questions:	1-800-433-3246

Parent PLUS Loan

The balance of a Parent PLUS Direct Loan cannot be transferred to a student. The parent is responsible for repayment.

2023-2024 Interest Rate:	8.05%
	4.228% Origination Fee: October 1 st , 2021 to September 30 th - 2023

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Applying

- Step 1:** Complete/Submit a student FAFSA on studentaid.gov
- Step 2:** Wait for the student to receive their official award notice.
- Step 3:** Have the student accept or decline their student loans or Federal Work-Study options.
- Step 4:** Determine How Much you are eligible to borrow.
 - Look at students Official Award under “Other Options-Family Contribution” to see how much you are eligible to borrow.
- Step 5:** Determine how much you would like to borrow.
- Step 6:** Go to www.studentaid.gov
 - Log in using the *parent’s FSA ID* and *password*
 - Once logged in, select “Apply for a Direct PLUS Loan”
 - Complete the *Direct PLUS Loan Application for Parents*



Scan Me To Apply

Parents will receive an approval or denial at the end of the application.

Please note if you have placed a security freeze on your credit file you must lift or remove the freeze at each credit bureau before submitting the PLUS application.

If you are approved...

Complete the PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Parents

If you are not approved...

Option 1: Obtain an endorser.

This is similar to a cosigner for a private loan.

Ensure the endorser requests the same loan amount you requested on your application to avoid significant problems or delays in processing.

If the endorser is approved the borrower will need to complete credit counseling on studentloans.gov and a *new* PLUS Master Promissory Note.

Option 2: Choose not to pursue the Parent PLUS Loan.

If chosen, your student would automatically be offered an additional unsubsidized loan.

Option 3: Appeal the denial.

Appeals are made with the Department of Education

How will you receive your loan money?

The money will automatically be applied to the balance due to JMU. If there is a credit, a refund would be issued based on the preference determined within the Application.

The first payment is due within 60 days after the final loan amount is paid out.

Deferment Options:

(Interest is still accruing during this time)

- while the student is in school taking at least 6 credit hours.
- 6 months after the student graduates, leaves school, or falls below 6 credits.

There are no penalties for early payments.

Deferment options are selected within the application, but you may always call and request deferment if not originally accepted.