



2020-2021 FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOAN APPLICATION

If you wish to apply for the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan for the 2020-2021 academic year, you must complete all sections of this loan application. The information that you supply on this application will be electronically transmitted to the U.S. Department of Education, its services and/or agents. Your credit history will be reviewed to determine your eligibility. This form must be completed each academic year to request a Parent PLUS loan. Please note the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted each academic year before a Parent PLUS loan application can be processed. *Please use blue or black ink only when signing this document.*

Student's Name: _____ **LSU ID:** 89 - _____ - _____

List the name of one parent borrower only. In order to apply for a Parent PLUS loan, the borrower must be a natural parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent (if stepparent's income and assets are considered on the FAFSA) of a dependent student.

<u>Parent Information</u>		Relationship to student: <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother	
Name: _____		SSN: ____-____-____	
Last	First	MI	
Address: _____		City	ST Zip
<i>(P.O. Box number alone is not acceptable unless there is no street delivery.)</i>			
Date of Birth: ____/____/____	Phone: (____) _____ - _____	E-mail address: _____	
MM	DD	YYYY	
Parent Borrower Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible Noncitizen		Are you currently in default on a federal student loan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you had a federal student loan discharged due to disability or bankruptcy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Loan Amount Requested: \$ _____ *** (DOLLAR amount required)			
***Please indicate the dollar amount for the entire year. If you check Fall 2020 & Spring 2021 and want \$5,000 per semester, you should indicate \$10,000 for the loan amount requested. Also, please consider the fee associated with this loan described on page 3 when selecting a dollar amount.			
Indicate ONE Loan Period:		<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2020, Fall 2020, & Spring 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2020 & Fall 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2020 & Spring 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2021	

- In the event your Parent PLUS loan is **denied** due to the result of your credit review, please **check one** option below. If no option is selected, the application will default to allow the student to receive the additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan eligibility:
 - Allow the student the option to receive the additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan up to their grade level maximum.
 - I will obtain an endorser (credit worthy cosigner) or provide documentation to the Direct Loan Servicing Center that my adverse credit is resolved. (The Direct Loan Servicing Center will send you a packet of information for this option.)

- In the event the Parent PLUS loan results in an overage to the student's Bursar account, please **check one** option below confirming to whom any refunds due should be issued. If no option is selected, the application default will be to issue any refund to the borrower:
 - the borrower
 - the above named student

- Federal Title IV PLUS Loan funds received via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) are automatically applied to student accounts first to cover tuition and fees and on-campus room and board (if applicable). Any remaining funds may then be applied to other institutional charges, such as parking fees, student health center, lab fees, etc. **ONLY** with your authorization.

I authorize LSU to apply any remaining Title IV PLUS Loan funds I may receive to all other educational charges.**

 - Yes
 - No

**This authorization is valid for the entire year for which this loan is intended and may be rescinded at any time. Without this authorization, payment for such charges must be remitted by the due date on your fee bill. To choose to not authorize, contact the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at 225-578-3103.

By signing this statement, I certify that all information on this form is complete, true, and correct. I consent to the U.S. Department of Education and its agents to review my credit report and use the information from that report in determining whether to award a Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan to me.

*****No electronic signatures can be accepted.**

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PLUS LOAN APPLICATION

The amount that a parent may borrow is based on the cost of attendance minus the financial aid and resources for the loan period.

Should your PLUS loan be approved and the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships has received acknowledgement of a valid promissory note, PLUS loan funds will automatically be applied to the student's LSU account in accordance with LSU's disbursement schedule. If the PLUS loan funds result in a credit on the student's LSU account, a refund check will be sent to the parent, unless the parent requests on the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Application that the refund be issued to the student.

If you have not completed a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for this student: By signing and submitting this PLUS loan application, you consent to borrow funds under the PLUS loan program and understand that if approved and after a Master Promissory Note is completed, your funds will be applied to your student's LSU account in accordance with LSU's disbursement schedule.

If you already have a signed Master Promissory Note (MPN) on file with our office for this student: By signing and submitting this PLUS loan application, you consent to borrow funds under the PLUS loan program and understand that your funds, if approved, will be accepted automatically and applied to your student's LSU account in accordance with LSU's disbursement schedule.

You may cancel all or a portion of your loan after funds have been credited to your student's LSU account by notifying us in writing within 30 days.

If the parent borrower is denied a PLUS loan, and the student has opted to receive the additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, the additional loan is subject to the following limits:

- students with 59 and under earned credit hours – up to \$4,000 per academic year
- students with 60 and over earned credit hours – up to \$5,000 per academic year

CONSENT TO OBTAIN CREDIT REPORT

Privacy Act Disclosure Notice

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you. The authority for collecting the information requested on this form is §451 *et seq.* of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Your disclosure of this information is voluntary. However, if you do not provide this information, you cannot be considered for a Federal Direct PLUS loan. The information on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for a Federal Direct PLUS loan. The information in your file may be disclosed to third parties as authorized under routine uses in the Privacy Act notices called "Title IV Program Files" (originally published on April 12, 1994, Federal Register, Vol. 59 p.17351) and "National Student Loan Data System" (originally published on December 20, 1994, Federal Register, Vol. 59 p. 65532). Thus, this information may be disclosed to federal and state agencies, private parties such as relatives, present and former employers and creditors, and contractors of the Department of Education for purposes of administration of the student financial assistance program, for enforcement purposes, for litigation purposes where such disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the records were collected, for use by federal, state, local, or foreign agencies in connection with employment matters or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, for use in any employee grievance or discipline proceeding in which the Federal Government is a party, for use in connection with audits or other investigations, for research purposes, for purposes of determining whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information act, and to a Member of Congress in response to an inquire from the congressional office made at your written request.

Because we request your social security number (SSN), we must inform you that we collect your SSN on a voluntary basis, but section 484(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091 (a)(4)) provides that, in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under Title IV of the HEA, a student must provide his or her SSN. Your SSN is used to verify your identity, and as an account number (identifier throughout the life of your loan(s) so that data may be recorded accurately



Frequently Asked Questions

Please keep this information sheet with your other important financial aid papers

How will I know if I am eligible?

After the attached form is processed, you will be notified by the Direct Loan Servicing Center of your loan eligibility. Generally, you are eligible if:

- you filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for this academic year
- you do not have an adverse credit history (a credit review will be completed)
- you are not in default on a federal student loan (including Federal Direct PLUS loan)
- you meet the other eligibility requirements outlined on your loan application

What is a Master Promissory Note (MPN)?

A promissory note is a binding legal document that lists the conditions of your loan and the terms of repayment. Instead of completing a promissory note every year, a Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a multi-year promissory note that only has to be completed once while your student is attending LSU. The MPN will simplify the processing of your future PLUS loan(s).

How do I sign an MPN?

If you do not have a valid Master Promissory Note (MPN) on file, you may electronically complete an MPN at studentloans.gov. You will need your verified FSA ID and password to complete the MPN.

What is the interest rate for a Parent PLUS loan?

The PLUS loan has a fixed interest rate of **5.30%** for loans first disbursed on or after **July 1, 2020** and prior to **June 30, 2021**. New loan interest rates for subsequent years are adjusted once a year on July 1.

Other than interest, is there a charge for this loan?

There is a loan fee of **4.236%** deducted from each disbursement for loans first disbursed on or after **October 1, 2019** and before **October 1, 2020**. There is a loan fee of **4.228%** deducted from each disbursement for loans first disbursed on or after **October 1, 2020** and before **October 1, 2021**.

When will the Parent PLUS loan disburse?

In accordance with federal loan regulations and LSU's disbursement schedule, the loan will be applied to your LSU account once all the requirements are met. If all requirements are met, the loan funds will disburse prior to the term the student is enrolled. A check is made payable to the parent and is mailed to the home of the parent borrower if the loan disbursement is in excess of the amount owed to LSU, unless the parent requests on the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Application that the refund be issued to the student.

What if additional financial aid is received and I want to reduce or cancel my PLUS loan?

If your student has received additional financial aid and you now wish to reduce or cancel the amount you borrowed with the Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan, it is important that you notify the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at Louisiana State University in writing within 30 days of the funds crediting to the student's LSU account.

What if my PLUS loan is denied due to the result of my credit review?

If your PLUS loan is denied due to the result of your credit review, you will receive notification from the Direct Loan Servicing Center. You may choose from the following options:

- You may try to have a credit status override completed by the Direct Loan Servicing Center. Please contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-557-7394.
- You may provide documentation to the Direct Loan Servicing Center if you have extenuating circumstances. Your request for a PLUS loan will be reviewed again by the servicer.
- You may have a third party endorser co-sign the PLUS loan application with you. The Direct Loan Servicing Center will send you a packet of information for this option. If additional information is needed, please contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-557-7394.
- If you qualify by obtaining an endorser or by documenting to the satisfaction of the U.S. Department of Education that there are extenuating circumstances related to your adverse credit history, you'll also be required to complete PLUS counseling before you can receive a Direct PLUS Loan.



- If you apply for a Direct PLUS Loan and are notified that you have an adverse credit history, you'll be given detailed information on the options for qualifying by obtaining an endorser or submitting documentation of extenuating circumstances, along with instructions on how to complete the required PLUS counseling.
- Your student may borrow additional funds for the current academic year through the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Below is the maximum additional funds that can be borrowed by your dependent student:
 - students with 59 and under earned credit hours – up to \$4,000 per academic year
 - students with 60 and over earned credit hours – up to \$5,000 per academic year