

2017-18 Parent PLUS Loan Request



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Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans are federal loans for parents of dependent students. For federal financial aid purposes, dependency is determined by filing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*, and not by the dependency status for federal tax filing. **The Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) must be filed, and the student's financial aid file complete before we will process this request. A stepparent may apply only if that individual's information is listed on the FAFSA. Also, the U.S. Department of Education will perform a credit check to determine eligibility for the loan.**

SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____

ID#: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____ PHONE #: _____

SECTION B: PARENT BORROWER INFORMATION *(For One Parent Who Will Apply)*

PARENT'S FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

- U.S. CITIZEN
- ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN (provide alien registration number): _____

FULL MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

SECTION C: LOAN REQUEST

LOAN AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ _____ .00 (you must request a dollar amount)

- If you request more than your eligibility allows, the loan will be certified only to your maximum eligibility
- An origination fee of 4.276% will be deducted from the total loan amount you receive
- If you have questions regarding the amount to request, please contact the Financial Aid Office (801-581-6211)

Statement of Educational Purpose: Upon signing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Master Promissory Note (MPN), the parent borrower and student certify that the loan proceeds will only be used for authorized education expenses incurred.

SECTION D: DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Parent PLUS Loan funds will be disbursed directly to the student's tuition account. If the PLUS Loan funds create a credit balance, the law requires that the excess funds be released to the parent, unless the parent authorizes the school (in writing) to release the funds to the student. Please indicate whether you would like the refund to be sent to you or to your student. If you leave this item blank, the refund will be mailed to you (the parent borrower) in the form of a check to the address you listed above.

- Please send the refund to me (the parent borrower).
- Please send the refund to the student.

SECTION E: AUTHORIZATION

- By signing this form, I (the parent borrower) authorize the U.S. Department of Education and its agents to perform a credit check to determine eligibility for the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan and report my credit check results to the school as part of my application for the loan.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

*Privacy Act Notice: The University confidentially maintains your Social Security Number for routine uses, such as facilitating document matching, verifying your identity, expediting your enrollment and financial aid, and certifying loans. Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary, but failure to provide your social security number may result in delay and confusion regarding your identity and, if omitted, could result in delay or loss of Federal and State Financial Aid, tax credits, student loan deferments, veterans' benefits, and other benefits under law.

2017-18 Parent PLUS Loan Information Sheet

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans are federal loans borrowed by parents to pay for their child's educational expenses. They enable parents with a good credit history to borrow for educational expenses not covered by other types of financial aid.

To be eligible to receive a Direct Parent PLUS Loan the student must:

- Be accepted for enrollment in a degree-seeking program.
- Be registered at least halftime, according to the degree program, in courses counting toward a graduate/professional degree.
- File a 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA).
- Be considered a dependent undergraduate student (as defined by the FAFSA application).
- Not be in default on any type of student loan.
- Not owe a repayment on a student grant.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.

To be eligible to receive a Direct Parent PLUS Loan the parent must:

- Be the student's parent.
- Have his/her information listed on the FAFSA (for stepparents).
- Pass a credit check run by the Department of Education.
- Sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at StudentLoans.gov.

To apply for a Direct Parent PLUS Loan complete the following:

- Submit the "Direct PLUS Loan Request" to the University of Utah Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. It is available from our office or on our website at: financialaid.utah.edu. The loan will first be certified by our office, and then a credit check will be performed by the Department of Education.

Options if the Direct Parent PLUS Loan credit check is denied:

- The parent can apply for the loan with an endorser (credit worthy co-signer). The U.S. Department of Education will send you instructions on how to apply with an endorser.
- Appeal to the U.S. Department of Education due to extenuating circumstances. The U.S. Department of Education will send you instructions on how to appeal the credit denial.
- Student can apply for additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds by submitting the "Additional Stafford Loan Request" form available to download at financialaid.utah.edu/forms. If you have questions, please contact the University Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (801) 581-6211 or financialaid@sa.utah.edu.

***For students who are awarded Perkins Loans and whose parents are denied a Parent PLUS Loan:** If the parent's credit check is denied on the Parent PLUS Loan, and the student is subsequently eligible for additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds as a result, federal regulations require the university to re-evaluate a student's eligibility for Perkins Loan funds. In some cases, this may require the university to cancel or reduce a Perkins Loan, even if the student chooses not to borrow the additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds. This may result in a bill owing on the tuition account by the student.

***PLUS Counseling Requirement for borrowers with an adverse credit history:** Parent borrowers who have an adverse credit history, but who qualify for a Parent PLUS Loan (including borrowers whose credit is initially denied and then approved on appeal or with an endorser), must complete a "PLUS Counseling" session before funds can be disbursed to the student's tuition account. This counseling session does not meet the requirement to complete an Entrance Counseling session for all first-time Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan borrowers, and must be completed by the parent borrower, NOT the student. It will apply for all Parent PLUS Loans approved during the time the credit check is valid, which lasts 180 days. After that, a new counseling session would have to be completed, if the parent borrows additional Parent PLUS Loan funds and an adverse credit history still applies.

***Interest Rates, Fees, and Repayment:** The yearly limit on a Direct Parent PLUS Loan is equal to the student's cost of attendance minus other financial aid received. The interest rate on the Parent PLUS Loan will be determined on July 1, 2017. Repayment begins within 60 days of the final loan disbursement. Principal and interest payments may be deferred if the borrower meets deferment requirements. In-school deferments are available for parent borrowers/students enrolled at least half time in a degree-seeking program. To learn more about available deferments and how to apply for deferment status, please contact your loan servicer. To find out who your servicer is, go to nslds.ed.gov.