

FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN INFORMATION

This form provides information pertaining to Parent PLUS and Grad PLUS loans. Please refer to the appropriate section below. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at 708-534-4480 or faid@govst.edu if you have additional questions.

Parent PLUS Loans

Parent PLUS loans* are federal loans that parents of dependent undergraduate students can use to help pay for college or career school.

* Effective July 1, 2026, all parents (combined) may borrow \$20,000 per year per dependent student and a \$65,000 aggregate limit per dependent student (without regard to amounts forgiven, repaid, canceled, or discharged). Legacy Provision: If a borrower has a Federal Direct Loan made before July 1, 2026, while the dependent student is enrolled in a program of study, the parent can continue to borrow under current loan limits for 3 academic years or the remainder of their dependent student's expected time to credential, whichever is less.

Below is important information related to Parent PLUS loans.

- To receive a Parent PLUS loan:
 - The student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov.
 - Complete the appropriate PLUS Request Process (Parent PLUS) online at www.studentaid.gov.
 - Complete the GovState PLUS Loan Application. This can be obtained online at <http://www.govst.edu/forms-publications/> or at our front desk.
- The borrower must not have an adverse credit history. However, a Parent PLUS Loan may still be approved by obtaining an endorser who does not have an adverse credit history. If you are a parent borrower, the endorser cannot be the child on whose behalf you are borrowing.
- The maximum loan amount is the student's cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received.
- If a parent borrower is unable to secure a Parent PLUS loan, the undergraduate dependent student may be eligible for additional unsubsidized loans to help pay for his or her education. Please contact our office for more information on this option.
- If eligible for a Parent PLUS Loan, the borrower (parent) will be required to sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN), agreeing to the terms of the loan. They will also be required to complete online Entrance Counseling before receiving the Parent PLUS loan. This should be done online at www.studentloans.gov.
- The interest rate for Parent PLUS Loans is a fixed rate. Rates vary from year to year. Exact interest rates can be found online through www.studentaid.gov.
- There is a loan origination fee of approximately 4% deducted upfront before funds are disbursed on all Parent PLUS Loans. Exact origination fee amounts can be found online through www.studentaid.gov.
- For parents of undergraduate dependent students, the Parent PLUS Loan enters repayment once the loan is fully disbursed. However, you may contact your loan servicer to request a deferment while your child is enrolled at least half-time and for an additional six months after your child ceases to be enrolled at least half-time.

Grad PLUS Loans

Grad PLUS loans* are federal loans that graduate students can use to help pay for college or career school.

*The Graduate PLUS loan program is eliminated effective July 1, 2026, for new borrowers. Legacy Provision: If a borrower has a Federal Direct Loan made before July 1, 2026, while enrolled in a program of study, the borrower can continue to borrow from the program for 3 academic years or the remainder of their expected time to credential, whichever is less.

Below is important information related to Grad PLUS loans.

- To receive a Grad PLUS loan:
 - The student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov.
 - Complete the appropriate PLUS Request Process (Grad PLUS) online at www.studentaid.gov.
 - Complete the GovState PLUS Loan Application. This can be obtained online at <http://www.govst.edu/forms-publications/> or at our front desk.
- The borrower must not have an adverse credit history. However, a Grad PLUS Loan may still be approved by obtaining an endorser who does not have an adverse credit history.
- The maximum loan amount is the student's cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received.
- If eligible for a Grad PLUS Loan, the borrower (graduate student) will be required to sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN), agreeing to the terms of the loan. They will also be required to complete online Entrance Counseling before receiving the Parent PLUS loan. This should be done online at www.studentloans.gov.
- The interest rate for Grad PLUS Loans is a fixed rate. Rates vary from year to year. Exact interest rates can be found online through www.studentaid.gov.
- There is a loan origination fee of approximately 4% deducted upfront before funds are disbursed on all Grad PLUS Loans. Exact origination fee amounts can be found online through www.studentaid.gov.
- For graduate students, the Grad PLUS loan will be placed into deferment while you are enrolled at least half-time and for an additional six months after you cease to be enrolled at least half-time.