



2015-2016 Parent PLUS Loan Request and Adjustment Form

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If you wish to apply for the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan for the 2015-2016 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 to 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 completing this document.**

Student Information:

Name _____ Student ID# _____

Parent Information:

Name _____ SSN _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
MM DD YYYY

Mailing Address: (P.O. Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Parent Borrower Citizenship

- U.S. Citizen
- Eligible Noncitizen

E-mail address: _____

Indicate ONE Loan Period

- Fall 2015 & Spring 2016
- Fall 2015
- Spring 2016
- I want to cancel the parent PLUS loan

Loan Options

Loan Amount Request: \$ _____ (DOLLAR amount required)

****Please indicate the dollar amount for the entire year. For example, if you check Fall 2015 & Spring 2016 and want \$5,000 per semester, you should indicate \$10,000 for the loan amount requested.**

A parent may borrow up to the total cost of attendance minus all the financial aid and resources received by the student.

- In the event your Parent PLUS loan is **denied** due to the result of your credit review, please **check one** option below:
 - Allow the student the option to receive the additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan up to their grade level maximum.
 - I will obtain an endorser (credit worthy co-signer) or provide documentation to the Direct Loan Servicing center than my adverse credit is resolved. (The Direct Loan Servicing Center will send you a packet of information for this option).
 - Cancel 2015-2016 Parent PLUS loan request.
- If the Parent PLUS loan results in a credit balance to my student's Bursar account, I request that a refund be issued and sent directly to:
 - the borrower
 - the above named student

I certify that I am currently not default on a prior loan and that all information is complete and correct. I consent to the U.S. Department of Education to review my credit report and use the information to determine eligibility for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan. I understand that I will be notified in writing of the results of the credit check and I must have an electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) on file before funds can be disbursed.

Sign This Worksheet

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

What is a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan?

- The Federal Direct Loan Program is a cooperative effort between the federal government and educational institutions: (1) The federal government provides the loan funds, (2) schools determine the loan amount and interest subsidy, confirm eligibility, and determine the loan period.
- Direct Loan provides funds to help you meet your educational expenses. However, unlike gift aid, **LOANS MUST BE REPAYED.**

How much can I borrow?

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

How will I know if I am eligible?

- After the 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 the academic year
 - You do not have adverse credit history (a credit review will be completed)
 - You are not in default on a federal student loan
 - You meet the other eligibility requirements outlined on your loan application

When can I apply for a Parent PLUS loan?

- Once the FAFSA is submitted, a PLUS loan application can be made at any time throughout the academic year; however, please allow 1-2 weeks for processing.

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 BRCC. 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 www.studentloans.gov. You will need a federal Personal Identification Number (PIN) to complete the MPN. If you are the parent that signed the FAFSA, the PIN used for your signature can also be used to sign the MPN. If not, you may obtain a PIN online at www.pin.ed.gov.

What is the interest rate for a PLUS loan?

- The PLUS loan has a fixed interest rate of 6.41% for loans. New loan interest rates for subsequent years are adjusted once a year on July 1.

When will repayment begin?

- Parents have the option of beginning repayment either 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed, or defer until six months after the dependent student ceases to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The Direct Loan Servicing Center manages the repayment of PLUS loans. If a parent borrower wishes to select the delayed repayment option, they need to contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-848-0979. Interest accrues as soon as the first disbursement is made, including periods of deferment. You will have from 10 to 30 years to repay depending upon the repayment plan you select.

When will the PLUS loan disburse?

- In accordance with federal loan regulations and BRCC's disbursement schedule, the loan will be applied to your BRCC account once all the requirements are met. There is a loan fee of **4.288%** deducted from each disbursement for loans first disbursed **on or after** December 1, 2013. 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 BRCC, 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 your borrowed with the Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan, it is important that you notify the Financial Aid Office at Baton Rouge Community College in writing within 30 days of the funds crediting to the student's BRCC 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.
- You may choose to not pursue the denied PLUS loan and your student may borrow additional funds for the current academic year through the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. If you do not check this option on your PLUS loan application, please have the student contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid stating that you do not wish to pursue the denied PLUS loan and that they request to receive the additional unsubsidized loan. Below is the maximum additional funds that can be borrowed by your dependent student:
 - up to \$4,000 per academic year