

Niagara County Community College

2014-2015 Application for the Direct Parent PLUS Loan

A Direct Parent PLUS loan is an option for a parent of an undergraduate dependent student to assist with educational expenses not covered by existing Financial Aid.

To apply:

1. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must have been completed for 2014-2015.
2. If verification or citizenship documents have been requested, all documents **must** be submitted.
3. Complete the reverse side of this application and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid either by mail or fax (contact information below). *Parent MUST SIGN the application.*
4. **Sign and complete the required Master Promissory Note (eMPN) on-line at studentloans.gov (Future Parent PLUS loans for the same Parent/Student combination do not require new MPNs)**
5. I authorize the lender or its agent to obtain a current copy of my credit report to make a preliminary credit determination of whether I would qualify for a PLUS loan at this time. I also authorize release of my credit evaluation results to NCCC. Please consider a faxed copy of my signature proper authorization. I understand the preliminary credit determination is valid for 90 days. I authorize NCCC to disburse excess funds to the student indicated on the following page.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

6. Determine your course of action should your credit check result in a denial for the Parent PLUS loan:

Please check one:

- Student wishes to apply for Unsubsidized Stafford Loan:
Yes _____ Amount: \$ _____ (up to \$4,000) No: _____
- Contact the Cashier's Office to arrange a payment plan for the balance remaining
- Contact Direct Lending Servicing to appeal or correct the denial (1-800-557-7394)

Student's signature _____ Date _____

A Parent PLUS loan amount cannot exceed the cost of attendance minus any additional financial aid awarded to the student (as listed on the award letter). You may refer to your semester bill for guidance in determining an amount to request. You may also contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance at (716) 614-6266.

Parent PLUS loans have an **Origination/Default Fee of 4%** that is withheld before the loan is disbursed. There is also an **Interest Rebate Incentive of 1.5%** added to the disbursement to encourage timely payments. As a result of the Fee and the Rebate, your PLUS loan will disburse to Niagara County Community College at 2.5% less than the loan amount. Please take this into account when determining your requested amount. *For example, if your bill shows a balance remaining of \$2000, a certified Parent PLUS loan of \$2000 will have an Origination Fee of \$80 withheld and a rebate of \$30 added in thus providing the college with only \$1950.*

Unless otherwise indicated, Parent PLUS loans will be certified for the entire academic year with half of the requested loan disbursing to the college at the beginning of each semester (i.e. 2 disbursements). **Please keep this in mind when determining the amount to request.**

The dependent student must be enrolled *at least half time (6 credits)* to be eligible for Parent PLUS loan money. All Parent PLUS loan money will be sent directly to the college and applied to the student's account. Any money remaining after the bill has been satisfied, will be available as a refund from the Cashier's Office once requested. Please contact the Cashier's Office for refund information at (716) 614-6443.

For further details on eligibility requirements and repayment criteria of Federal Direct Parent PLUS loans, please visit the Direct Lending website on PLUS loans: www.direct.ed.gov/parent.html

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Please complete this entire section. Do not leave any item blank.

Parent Information	
Last Name	First Name M.I.
Soc. Sec. No.	Date of Birth
Permanent Address (street, city, state, zip)	
Phone No.	US Citizen? Yes No
E-mail	
Parent Signature	Date
Student Information	
Last Name	First Name M.I.
Soc. Sec. No.	Date of Birth
Permanent Address (street, city, state, zip)	
Local Phone No.	US Citizen? Yes No
E-mail	
Loan Information	
Amount Requested	I am aware that my PLUS loan will disburse at 2.5% less than the amount certified, and have accounted for this in my requested amount. Please Check <input type="checkbox"/>
Loan Period (Please check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Spring Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Semester ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> This is my first Parent PLUS loan request for 2014-2015 <input type="checkbox"/> This is an additional Parent PLUS loan request for 2014-2015	
Credit Check Authorization	
<input type="checkbox"/> I consent to the U.S. Department of Education and its agents obtaining a report of my credit record and using the information from that report in determining whether to grant a Direct PLUS loan to me. I understand that I will be notified in writing of the results of the credit check with respect to my loan application.	
PARENT (borrower) Signature _____	

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 Direct PLUS Loan. The information on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for a 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 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 inquiry 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.