

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Request Form

2014-2015

You must complete the following steps to apply for your Federal Direct PLUS Loan. Return this document to the Gogebic Community College (GCC) Financial Aid Office so we can process your parent loan. Failure to do so will result in your loan not being certified. Please contact the GCC Financial Aid Office at 906-932-4231, ext. 206 if you have any questions.

Step 1: Complete the following information and return this form to the GCC Financial Aid Office.

Student Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Parent Name _____ Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____

What is the amount you want to borrow for 2014-2015? \$ _____

Do you owe a repayment on any federal student financial aid? _____ Are you in default on a federal student loan? _____ Does the federal government hold a judgment lien on your property? _____

Step 2: Complete your application for a PLUS loan credit check at www.StudentLoans.gov. Sign in with your FAFSA PIN number. (If you do not have a PIN, you must apply for one. There is a direct link to the PIN website as soon as you enter StudentLoans.gov.) After you sign in, click on Request Direct PLUS Loan. Click on Parent PLUS to complete the application.

Step 3: Complete your PLUS Loan application at www.StudentLoans.gov. This is called the Master Promissory Note (MPN). After you sign in, click on Complete MPN. Click on Parent PLUS to complete the application. (You do not need to sign in again if you complete Step 3 immediately after finishing Step 2.)

A PLUS Loan is one type of financial aid that allows the parents to borrow for their child's education. It is a legal obligation between you and the lender in which you, not your child, make a promise to repay the loan amount at a later date. You can borrow up to your child's total cost of attendance, minus any financial aid they receive. For example, if your child's cost of attendance is \$14,000 and they receive \$4,000 in financial aid from other sources, you could borrow up to \$10,000 in a PLUS Loan for that year. However, as is always the case with loans, you should borrow only as much as you need.

You begin making loan payments 60 days after the final disbursement of the loan has been made. These payments can be suspended, if you qualify according to your lender guidelines.

The U.S. Department of Education is the lender of the loan and performs a credit check to determine your qualifications as a borrower.

The money from a PLUS Loan is sent directly from the federal government to GCC. The money remaining after direct college costs are paid is returned to you, not your child. If you want the student to receive the balance, you must provide GCC with a written request releasing these funds or make this request via the PLUS loan credit check application.

I authorize GCC to credit the student's account with any Federal Direct PLUS loan funds to pay for educational-related purchases at the GCC Bookstore. This authorization can be rescinded at any time by contacting the GCC Financial Aid Office.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____