

## FEDERAL PLUS LOAN INFORMATION

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

- In order to receive a Direct PLUS loan, the student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- Complete the appropriate PLUS Request Process (parent or graduate) online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
- Complete the GSU 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 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 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 Direct PLUS Loan, the borrower (parent or graduate student) will be required to sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN), agreeing to the terms of the loan. You will also be required to complete online Entrance Counseling before receiving the PLUS loan. This should be done online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
- The interest rate for Direct PLUS Loans is a fixed rate. Rates vary from year to year. Exact interest rates can be found online through [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- There is a loan origination fee of approximately 4% deducted upfront before funds are disbursed on all Direct PLUS Loans. Exact origination fee amounts can be found online through [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- For parents of undergraduate dependent students, the Direct 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.
- If you are a graduate or professional student, your 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.
- Please contact us at 708-534-4480 or [faid@govst.edu](mailto:faid@govst.edu) if you have additional questions.