

FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOANS

As part of a dependent student's financial aid package, parents are awarded a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan. A parent can borrow the total estimated cost of attendance less the student's total financial aid (see student's award letter). In order to borrow a PLUS Loan, the parent has to pass a credit check. Once the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid has received the Federal Direct PLUS Loan Pre-Application, the Direct Loan Servicing Center will perform the credit check and notify you and us as to the results. If you have questions about the outcome of the credit check, contact Direct Loan Applicant Services at 1-800-557-7394.

If you do not pass the credit check, there are three options available to you.

- 1) You can work with Applicant Services at 1-800-557-7394 if you believe there was an error made on your credit check.
- 2) You can obtain a creditworthy endorser. The endorser would need to pass the credit check, agree to endorse the promissory note, and agree to repay the loan if you would fail to do so.
- 3) If your PLUS loan is denied you can allow the student to borrow an unsubsidized loan in the student's own name. Freshmen and sophomores can borrow additional amounts up to \$4,000 and juniors and seniors can borrow up to \$5,000 for the school year.

Acceptance Instructions:

- 1) Complete the Federal Direct PLUS Loan Pre-Application and submit to our office.
- 2) Go to <https://dlenote.ed.gov> to e-sign an electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN). Select "Complete new MPN for Parent PLUS Loans."

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