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# How to Apply for Loans

For more information on loans, visit our **Loan Information** page.

# **Parent Loans**

### Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

PLUS Loan applications are completed by the parent on the Federal Student Aid website.

Important message for first-time Parent PLUS borrowers: While a parent borrower need only complete an Master Promissory Note (MPN) once, borrowers must apply for the Parent PLUS loan each year they wish to borrow.

#### **New Parent Borrowers**

- Sign in using your (parent) FSA ID from the FAFSA process
- Click on "Request a Direct PLUS Loan" to complete the PLUS Loan application
- 3. Complete and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Don't qualify for PLUS Loan? Click here for more information

#### **Returning Parent Borrowers**

- Sign in using your (parent) <u>FSA ID</u> from the FAFSA process
- 2. Click on "Request a Direct PLUS Loan" to complete the PLUS Loan application

# **Student Loans**

# Federal Direct Student Loan

Steps are to be completed by the *student*, and are only required for first-time borrowers. Begin the process on www.studentaid.gov. Important message for first-time Loan Borrowers: Until you've completed the steps below, your loan funds will not be disbursed to the school.

- 1. <u>Sign in</u> using your (student) <u>FSA ID</u> from the FAFSA process
- Click the link to "Complete Counseling" and choose complete Entrance Counseling.
- 3. Complete and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN).

# **Alternative/Private Loans**

Private lending institutions provide credit-based loans that are used for educational expenses. Interest rates and fees vary, typically based on the credit rating of the borrower/co-borrower. There are private loans for both students and parents. Visit our <a href="Loan">Loan</a><a href="Loan">Information</a> page for more info and access to our <a href="Preferred Lender List">Preferred Lender List</a>.