

For a PLUS loan to post to a student account, a parent MUST go to www.studentloans.gov and log in using his or her FSA ID. They will need to do the **credit check AND the Master Promissory Note** or the PLUS loan will never pay.

What is a Parent PLUS loan?

The Parent PLUS loan is a loan in a parent's name that may be used to assist a student with educational expenses. This loan is from the Department of Education and is credit-based, so some families are not eligible. The current interest rate on the PLUS loan is a fixed rate of 6.84%. The option is available to defer the loan while the student is enrolled at least half-time in school, and there are a variety of repayment options.

Steps for completing the PLUS credit check and Promissory note:

1. Log onto www.studentloans.gov **(parent logs in using their FSA ID--NOT the student's ID)**
2. On the home page after logging in there is a link in the middle of the page that says "**Apply for PLUS Loan**"--this is the credit check.
3. Once you have filled out the credit check, click submit (not save and exit). There is an instant credit decision. If APPROVED, it will ask you how you want to proceed. If you have never had a PLUS loan before this is when you will complete the Master Promissory note. There is a link labeled "**Complete a Master Promissory Note**".
4. Sign Promissory note (if applicable)
5. If parent is DENIED, he or she may choose to contact Applicant Services to appeal the denial. The parent may decide to seek an endorser (cosigner) to pursue a PLUS loan approval.
 1. The endorser will need to create an FSA ID.
 2. They will then proceed to www.studentloans.gov sign in with this FSA ID.
 3. They will select the option in the middle of the screen that says "Endorse a Direct PLUS loan" and complete the steps.
 4. The Parent taking out the loan must then go to www.studentloans.gov and sign a second promissory note. A new promissory note must be done EVERY year when using an endorser.

If you have any specific questions on the federal DL PLUS loan application process, the number to call is 1-800-557-7394.