

Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application Form ** January Term 2018 Only **

The University of Virginia participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program (Direct PLUS). The lender is the U.S. Department of Education (“the Department”) rather than a bank or other financial institution. The Direct PLUS Loan program is a non-need based, low-interest loan made to parents of **dependent undergraduate students**. Parents may borrow an amount up to the cost of attendance less any financial assistance. When calculating the amount you wish to borrow, please consider all expected expenses. Also, please note that each new loan you receive requires a separate payment each month. The interest rate is fixed at 7.0%. Repayment begins 60 days after the full disbursement of the loan, and any changes to the loan must be executed by the University’s Financial Aid Office within 120 days of disbursement of the loan. Parents may also request a deferment of payment until six months after the student leaves school. For more information, please go to <http://studentloans.gov>. Parents (including adoptive or stepparents) must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents to apply for the loan.

Additional information about Direct PLUS Loans can be found at <http://www.finaid.org/loans/parentloan.phtml>.

Application Process – Please note that this process requires the submission of a FAFSA, two applications and the signing of a Master Promissory Note by the parent. Please see timeline below for more details on what happens after you complete your application.

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.gov>. The student and the parent must both have a federal PIN, which can be obtained, if need be by going to <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.
2. In order to complete the application process, parents must also go online to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and PLUS loan application, both of which can be found at <http://studentloans.gov>. To complete the application, click on “Request a PLUS Loan”.
3. Parents interested in applying for Direct PLUS Loan funds must complete this UVA Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application form and fax it to 434-924-7636 or 434-982-5203. Alternatively, the application may be sent by mail to: Student Financial Services PO Box 400204 Charlottesville, VA 22904-4204.

If your Direct PLUS Loan is denied by the Department of Education

Federal regulations require credit checks for the parent applicant(s). Parents with adverse credit history, those who have high debt ratios, or who have filed for bankruptcy in the past may be denied the PLUS Loan. Parent borrowers will be notified if the application is denied, the reason for the denial, and the name of the credit bureau from which the denial was obtained.

If a parent is denied on their application, they may still obtain a PLUS Loan by having a qualified endorser on the loan, and completing the Credit Counseling through the Department of Education. Your PLUS denial email will give you instructions for applying with an endorser or appealing your denial.

Students of parents who are denied the PLUS Loan may be eligible for an additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. The additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan amount available each year is \$4,000 for first and second year students and \$5,000 for third and fourth year students. Students must complete the Unsubsidized Loan Increase Request Form and submit it to Student Financial Services for processing. This form is available at <http://sfs.virginia.edu/forms>.

Disbursement Procedure

After loan approval, the PLUS Loan funds will be available for disbursement no earlier than 3 days before the start of the January term. Funds will be applied toward the student’s University billing statement once the student has enrolled in sufficient credit hours. Please note that interest on the loan begins to accrue on the disbursed amount at the time of disbursement.

A financial aid award notice will be available in the Student Information System (SIS) on the Student Center, indicating the total loan amount of the PLUS Loan awarded. The actual amount disbursed will be the gross amount minus origination fees

(4.264%). By federal regulation, unless parents request otherwise, additional credits that are a direct result of the PLUS loan proceeds are refunded to the parent instead of the student. However, you may indicate on the application that you prefer that the refund be sent to the student.

Please note: if additional financial assistance or other educational resources are received by the student after the PLUS Loan application is certified, one or both of the loan disbursements may be reduced or cancelled to prevent over-awards. Similarly, if tuition charges are reduced because of a change in enrollment, one or both of the loan disbursements may be adjusted.

Timeline for Processing your Direct Parent PLUS Loan Application Form

1. Once the University receives the FAFSA and has enrolled in January Term, we will determine if the student is eligible for federal aid only or for federal, state, and institutional aid. In the event the student is eligible for more than federal aid only, the University will request additional documentation, communicated through the student's To Do List in the SIS, about the family's financial situation.
2. Once the student has been awarded, which typically takes 2-4 weeks from the date we receive the last requested document, the student must accept or decline the offered aid in the SIS. Failure to do so will delay the processing of the Direct Parent PLUS Loan.
3. Once the student has accepted or declined the offered aid in the SIS, Parent PLUS Loan eligibility is calculated, and the loan is processed. After loan approval, the Direct Parent PLUS funds will be available for disbursement, no earlier than 3 days before the start of the January term.

We encourage families considering the Direct Parent PLUS Loan to complete the entire application process well in advance of the start of the January Term. Late applications are unlikely to be completed before the January term bill due date, and families who find themselves applying late should plan to use other means to cover the cost of attendance while their Direct Parent PLUS Loan application is pending.

Parent credit checks are good for 180 days. We begin to certify Direct Parent PLUS Loans for January Term after a student's financial aid award has been completed.

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
DIRECT PLUS LOAN APPLICATION FORM
January 2018 TERM ONLY

Please print all information on this form, and print legibly to avoid delay processing of your loan request.

In order for SFS to process your January term 2018-only PLUS loan, your complete application must be in by January 12, 2018. Requests received after this date will not be processed. For the University to process your Parent PLUS Loan application, you must complete 1) the FAFSA (available at http://www.fafsa.gov), 2) the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Promissory note, 3) the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan application (both are available at http://studentloans.gov) and 4) this Direct Parent PLUS Loan application.

PARENTS, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! Before we can process your PLUS Loan application, your student must also accept, decline, or cancel any financial aid offered for January term. If your student wishes to cancel any financial aid offered to them, please have the student complete the Financial Aid Cancellation Request Form at http://sfs.virginia.edu/forms/2017. Again, if the student has not accepted, declined, or cancelled their offered financial aid, no action will be taken on this PLUS Loan Application Form.

Have you completed a 2017-2018 FAFSA for the student? [] YES [] NO
If you answered "No", your PLUS Loan Application Form will not be processed until you have completed a FAFSA and your student has been awarded their federal financial aid and has accepted, declined, or canceled that federal financial aid.

PARENT BORROWER INFORMATION - ONLY ONE (1) PARENT BORROWER PER LOAN

Student's Full Name: _____
(LEGAL NAME - PRINT LEGIBLY) first middle last

Student's University ID: [][][][][]-[][][][][] or SIS ID: [][][][][][][][]

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Marital Status: ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Single Parent's Gender: _____ Female _____ Male

Parent's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
(Social Security Number Required)

Email address: _____

Parent's Citizenship Status: _____ U.S. Citizen _____ Permanent Resident (Alien Registration # _____)

Parent's Permanent Address (please include House Number, Street, City, State, ZIP Code)
NO P.O. BOXES OR FOREIGN ADDRESSES

(House Number) (Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Parent's Relationship to Student: _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Stepmother _____ Stepfather

Parent's Driver's License # (Required): _____ Issuing State: _____

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Is this a 2nd PLUS Loan for the 2017-18 academic year? [] YES [] NO

YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT YET COMPLETE. CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE.

Loan Amount Requested: \$_____ The loan amount received will be minus the 4.264% origination fee charged by the lender. If you leave the amount blank or request maximum amount, the amount of the PLUS Loan award will be the student's cost of attendance for January Term minus any other aid received.

Would you like the requested amount increased to cover the origination fee? YES NO

Excess funds generated from the Direct Parent PLUS loan disbursements must be refunded to the parent borrower unless authorized to be sent to the student as indicated below. In some cases, Direct Parent PLUS loan disbursements may pay previously satisfied educational charges. When this occurs, the credit balance is created by the student's financial aid or personal payments and the refund is sent to the student.

Parent initials to indicate you have read the above notice about excess funds: _____

Once my student's University bill has been paid, send any residual Direct PLUS loan proceeds to:

Student via mail or direct deposit Parent Borrower at above address

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE:

I CERTIFY THAT I WILL USE ANY FEDERAL TITLE IV, HEA FUNDS I RECEIVE DURING THE AWARD YEAR COVERED BY THIS APPLICATION SOLELY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO ATTENDANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT IN DEFAULT ON AN EDUCATION LOAN NOR DO I OWE A REFUND ON A FEDERAL GRANT.

Parent Borrower's Signature

Today's Date