



## ALMA COLLEGE

**SUMMER TERM  
FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOAN INSTRUCTIONS****What is a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan?**

The Direct Parent PLUS Loan program is available to parents (including adoptive parents or stepparents) of dependent undergraduate students, if they are credit-worthy applicants. Parents must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents to apply. The U.S. Department of Education is the lender for the Direct PLUS Program. The student must have filed a FAFSA for parents to be eligible to apply.

**When to Apply for a SUMMER TERM PLUS LOAN****SUMMER TERM - (OPTIONAL)**

The application and Master Promissory Note should be completed and submitted no later than February 16th to avoid delays in funding to cover the Spring Term bill. Credit decisions are valid for 180 days.

**How to apply for a Parent PLUS Loan at Alma College: (To be Completed by the PARENT BORROWER)****Step 1: Gather Information**

- ✓ Student's Billing Statement: Available on the student portal April 26, 2019.

**Step 2: Determine Your Loan Amount**

- ✓ Use the PLUS LOAN CALCULATOR online to determine the dollar amount you want to borrow:  
[www.alma.edu/loans/plus](http://www.alma.edu/loans/plus).

**Step 3: Complete the Alma College SUMMER TERM Parent PLUS Loan Application****Step 4: Complete a PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).**

- ❖ If you have previously borrowed for the same student at Alma College, a new MPN is not required.

**Loan Origination Fee and Disbursement Procedure**

The actual amount disbursed will be the total amount requested, minus origination fees of 4.248%.

**IMPORTANT**

It is the sole responsibility of the parent borrower to ensure they are borrowing the amount needed.  
Review the student's billing statement each semester to ensure you have borrowed the amount you need.  
Contact our office if you would like to change your loan amount.

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans **WILL NOT** disburse unless you have completed the application, the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and the loan is **APPROVED** by the US Department of Education.

Funds will be applied toward the student account once the student is enrolled in sufficient credit hours.

**Timeline for Processing the SPRING TERM Direct Parent PLUS Loan  
(OPTIONAL CONDENSED 4 WEEK COURSE OFFERED IN MAY)**

- ✓ **Incomplete applications cannot be processed.**
- ✓ Once these are completed and submitted, the loan will disburse no earlier than 10 days prior to the start of classes.

### **Loan Limits**

Parents may borrow up to the cost of attendance less any other financial aid the student is receiving.

### **Interest Rates**

The current interest rate is fixed at 7.6%. Interest begins to accrue as soon as the loan disburses.

### **Loan Fees**

There is a 4.248% origination fee that is taken out of the loan disbursement(s) prior to the funds being sent to the college. For the most up to date interest rates and origination fees, visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

### **Repayment**

Repayment begins within 60 days after the full disbursement of the loan.

#### **Deferment**

Parents may request a deferment of payment until six months after the student leaves school. Parent borrowers request the deferment through their assigned loan servicer. After the first loan disbursement, go to [www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov) to find your assigned loan servicer.



Please Note: If the parent borrower does not choose to defer payment, repayment begins 60 days after full disbursement of the loan. Therefore, the first payment of a Fall/Winter loan will usually be due in March. Interest begins to accumulate when the first disbursement is made.

### **Loan Cancellation**

You have the right to cancel all or part of your PLUS loan disbursement each semester. Submit a request to the Financial Aid Office within 14 days from the date you receive official notification from our office that the loan has been disbursed.

### **If PLUS Loan is Denied**

You will be notified by our office via email if your loan was denied by the U.S. Department of Education. The email will include your options regarding the denial along with instructions.



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## SUMMER TERM ♦ PARENT PLUS APPLICATION

**In order to process your Parent PLUS Loan application the following are required:**

1. A current FAFSA for the Student
2. A valid Parent PLUS Master Promissory Note completed by the parent borrower online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
3. This Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Application. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **PARENT BORROWER INFORMATION:** Provide information below for the parent who will be borrowing for the dependent student.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Parent Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Parents Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent's Citizen Status: (Mark One)**

U.S. Citizen or National **OR**  Eligible Non-Citizen-Alien Registration Number: A- \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Signature of Parent Borrower:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

My signature serves as my consent to the U.S. Dept. of Education and its agents to obtain a credit report and use that information in determining my eligibility for a Federal Parent PLUS Loan for Undergraduate Students. I understand Alma College will automatically retain on my student's account any federal Title IV PLUS loan funds that exceed his/her charges as a credit to be applied against future charges and that Alma College will retain interest earned on these funds. I further understand that Alma College will apply any Federal Title IV PLUS loan funds toward the payment of charges incurred over and above those related to tuition, fees, room and board, books, and prior year charges up to \$200, late fees, telephone charges and fines. I understand that I may withdraw this authorization at any time by contacting Alma College Financial Aid Office.

### PROCESSING OPTIONS: (Choose only 1 option)

➤ **CREDIT CHECK ONLY**


I wish to have my PLUS Loan processed as a **Credit Check Only**. This means I only wish to see if I am approved or denied. I do not wish to move forward with an amount. *(DO NOT COMPLETE THE BOTTOM HALF IF YOU ONLY WANT A CREDIT CHECK)*

➤ **SUMMER TERM LOAN AMOUNT REQUEST (must fill in amount, if blank, form WILL NOT BE PROCESSED)**

Please process my application and apply the requested amount to the student account.

**LOAN AMOUNT:**

I wish to borrow the following amount: \_\_\_\_\_ .00



**HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU BORROW?**  
Use the **PLUS LOAN CALCULATOR**  
[www.alma.edu/loans/plus](http://www.alma.edu/loans/plus)

\*Loan amounts may be reduced depending on eligibility.

**Keep in mind...**

- **Tuition:** \$550 PER CREDIT
- **Fees:** check with the professor.
- **First time parent borrower – compete MPN at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov)**

➔ **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS TO ALMA COLLEGE:** [alma.edu/fadocupload](http://alma.edu/fadocupload)

