



ALMA COLLEGE

FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOAN: CREDIT CHECK ONLY APPLICATION

Am I Eligible for a Parent PLUS Loan?

Want to see if you qualify for the Parent PLUS Loan, but not move forward with the actual loan, then fill out this application! Once filled out completely, a credit check will be performed and once completed, an email will be sent to the email on this application of the status! **Be sure your student has a current FAFSA on file with our school!**

If Approved and you want to move forward with the loan, visit www.alma.edu/loans/plus to fill out the *Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan: Application Loan Request Form*

1. CHECK BOX:

checking the box allows our school to run a credit check on the parent information below.

I wish to have my PLUS Loan Processed as a **Credit Check**.

2. STUDENT INFORMATION:

PRINT NAME _____

STUDENT ID _____

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

SSN: _____ DOB _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Parent's Citizen Status: (Mark One)

U.S. Citizen or National

Eligible Non-Citizen-Alien Registration Number:

A- _____

RELATIONSHIP to the STUDENT: PARENT STEP-PARENT (*Marital Status MM/YYYY: ____ / ____*)
(currently married to student's biological or adoptive parent)

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.



APPROVED? A separate application will need to be filled out: PLUS Loan Application Request Form, this includes the term and amount you wish to request to move forward with the loan (available online April 1, 2019)(www.alma.edu/loans/plus)
If the new application is processed please also note that **Credit Decisions Are Valid For 180 Days** which means the your credit check could be ran again before the Academic Year 2019-20 due to exceeding the 180 days limit.

→ **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS TO ALMA COLLEGE:** alma.edu/fadocupload



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www.alma.edu/loans/plus

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.

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 7.08%. Interest begins to accrue as soon as the loan disburses.

Loan Fees

There is an 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.

- On or after 10/1/19 and before 10/1/20 *TBD*
- On or after 10/1/18 and before 10/1/19: *4.248%*

Repayment

Repayment begins 60 days after the full disbursement of the loan. The parent is solely responsible for repaying the loan. This loan can never be transferred into the student's name.

Deferment

Parents may request a deferment of payment until six months after the student graduates or drops below six credits from school. Parent borrowers request the deferment through their assigned loan servicer. After the first loan disbursement, go to www.nslds.ed.gov to find your assigned loan servicer.



Please Note: If the 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 accumulating when the first disbursement is made.

If Approved, How Do I Apply For The Actual Loan?

Step 1: Print the Application Loan Request Form (Available March 1, 2019 at www.alma.edu/loans/plus)

Step 2: Gather Information

- ❖ Student's financial aid award letter **OR**,
- ❖ Fall Billing Statement: Issued – End of July
- ❖ Winter Billing Statement: Issued – End of November

Step 3: Determine Your Loan Amount

- ❖ Use the PLUS LOAN CALCULATOR online to determine the dollar amount you want to borrow to offset the loan fee that will be taken out of the requested amount: www.alma.edu/loans/plus.

Step 4: Complete a PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) online at www.studentloans.gov.

- ❖ If you borrowed for the same student in a prior academic year, a new MPN is not required.
- ❖ Certain circumstances may require a new MPN and/or PLUS Counseling. We will contact you if this is needed.
- ❖ Make sure to read your MPN for full details on the loan. We cannot list all terms that apply on this form.

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.

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.

Refund

Per Federal Regulations, if a student has a refund on their account, if requesting a refund, we can only refund the amount via check, in which the check will be made out to the Parent Borrower and Student. If you the parent wish to move forward and allow our school to cut the check directly to the student or apply the funds to their bank account, please contact Financial Services at 989-463-7144 or email FINANCIALSERVICES@ALMA.EDU

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.

Please Note:

Loan amounts may be reduced depending on eligibility. If additional financial aid or other educational resources are received after the loan is certified, one or both of the loan disbursements may be reduced or cancelled to prevent over-awards. An example of other resources might be a student who received a \$500 scholarship from the Red Cross.

When to Apply

Borrowers must reapply each year and for adjustments after credit expires. Credit decisions are valid for 180 days.