Parent PLUS Loan Application

What is a Federal Direct PLUS Loan?
Federal Direct PLUS Loans are for parents of undergraduate students. They enable parents (including a parent not on the FAFSA) or stepparents who are on the FAFSA to borrow directly from the federal government. Parents without any adverse credit history may borrow up to the total annual cost of attendance less any other aid received by the student.

Parent or child, who pays?
The parent who completes the PLUS application and Master Promissory Note is legally obligated to repay the debt.

What is the cost of a PLUS?
The current 2020-21 interest rate is fixed at 5.30%. There is an origination fee that will be deducted from the amount you borrow. The origination fee is currently 4.236%, but may change slightly on October 1, 2020. Please take this origination fee into consideration if you are trying to borrow an exact amount to cover charges.

When does repayment begin?
Repayment begins 60 days after the date of the final disbursement of the loan. You may apply for an in-school deferment or forbearance. Please contact your loan servicer for more information.

Have I exhausted other sources of financial aid?
Before applying for a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), parents should thoroughly research all forms of financial aid, especially grant and scholarship aid that does not have to be repaid. Our office website: *www.csuchico.edu/fa*, the Department of Education website: *www.studentaid.ed.gov*, and scholarship search services, such as *www.finaid.org* provide information about all types of aid.

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Before You Apply:

- To provide the optimum financial aid package, we require families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
- The entire Direct PLUS Loan Application process must be completed in a single session. It takes approximately 20 minutes to complete the application.
- You will need a verified Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID for the applying parent. If you do not have a verified FSA ID, you may create one here: https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.html

To apply for the Parent PLUS Loan
Click the button below:

APPLY

Or
Copy and paste this link in your browser:
https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchPLUS.action?plusType=parentPlus

PLUS Loan processing can take up to 10 weeks.
Parents will be notified within 48 hours, *via email or mail from Direct Loans*, as to the status of the credit check.

Parents, for more information on direct deposit please use this link:
https://www.csuchico.edu/fin/_assets/documents/forms/sfin-parent-plus-loan-direct-deposit-form-secure.pdf