2020-2021 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Fact Sheet

You are eligible for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan if you:

- Are borrowing to pay the education cost for yourself as a graduate student
- Are a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen (permanent resident)
- Do not have an adverse credit history (An applicant is considered to have an adverse credit history if the applicant is 90 days or more delinquent on any debt or during the five years preceding the credit report, the applicant has been in default on debt, debts have been discharged in bankruptcy or the applicant has been the subject of a foreclosure, repossession, tax lien, wage garnishment or write-off on federal student aid debt.)
- Have an adverse credit history, but obtain a credit worthy endorser or documents extenuating circumstances that are accepted by the U.S. Department of Education
- Are not in default on a federal student loan or, if the applicant is in default, the applicant has made satisfactory repayment arrangements to rehabilitate the defaulted loan

Loan Amounts and Interest Rates

- The maximum amount you may borrow is the total cost of attendance less all financial aid awarded.
- Through September 30, 2020, a 4.236% origination fee is deducted from the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan resulting in a net disbursement of 4.236% less than the total loan amount requested. On October 1, 2020 the origination fee will change.
- The interest rate is fixed at 5.30%.

Disbursements

- If the loan period is for the full academic year, the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan will be disbursed in equal payments, one for each semester.
- If the loan period is for only one semester, the full amount of the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan will be disbursed for that semester.

Terms of Repayment

- The first payment is due 60 days after the final disbursement for the loan period is made. The borrower may elect to defer payments of a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan until six months after the date the student ceases to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The borrower must contact the loan servicer to request a deferment.
- Interest begins to accrue on the date of the first disbursement. The borrower may elect to pay the accrued interest monthly or quarterly. If the accrued interest is not paid it will capitalize quarterly, adding to the principal balance borrowed.
- There are three options for repayment of the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan:
  - Standard Repayment Plan – fixed monthly payments of at least $50 a month for not more than 10 years
  - Extended Repayment Plan – fixed monthly payments of at least $50 a month; number of years of repayment varies based on the total amount of the loan but may not exceed 30 years
  - Graduated Repayment Plan – monthly payments that graduate to a higher level at least twice over the years of repayment; number of years of repayment varies depending based on total amount of the loan but may not exceed 30 years
Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Application Instructions

Complete the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Application and return it to the Office of Financial Assistance. The Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Application should be submitted by postal mail or secured fax. Please do not submit the application by email as email is not a secure method of transmitting personally identifiable information.

Mailing Address: Clark University
Office of Financial Assistance
950 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610

Fax: (508)793-8802

If approved for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, the borrower will be notified by the U.S. Department of Education regarding approval of the loan and instructed to complete a Master Promissory Note. All first-time borrowers must complete a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note online at https://studentaid.gov/. The borrower will be required to use his/her U.S. Department of Education issued FSAID username and password to complete the Master Promissory Note. This step is required for the loan to disburse to the school and be applied to the student’s account.

If denied for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, the student will be notified by the Office of Financial Assistance of the denial. The applicant has the option to appeal or resubmit the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Application with an endorser. The U.S. Department of Education will provide further information.

Please contact the Office of Financial Assistance by phone at (508)793-7478 or by email at finaid@clarku.edu with any questions. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Direct Lending customer service representatives are also available to assist applicants/borrowers at (800)557-7394 weekdays from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.
2020-2021 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Application

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): ____________________________________________

Clark ID Number: ___________________________ Social Security Number: ____________________________

U.S. Citizenship Status: ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Eligible Non-Citizen, please provide alien registration #: ____________________________

Year in School: ☐ First Year Graduate ☐ Second Year Graduate ☐ Beyond Second Year Graduate ☐ PhD

Expected Year of Graduation: __________________________

Permanent Home Address: ___________________________ Apt # __________________________

City: ___________________________ State: __________________ Zip Code: __________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________ Email Address: __________________________

Driver’s License Number: ___________________________ Driver’s License State: __________________________

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Amount Requested $ ___________________________ Loan Period: ☐ Full Year (Recommended)

Whole Dollar Amounts Only

☐ Summer 2020

☐ Fall 2020

☐ Spring 2021

By signing below, I consent to the U.S. Department of Education and its agents obtaining a report of my credit record and using the information from that report to determine whether or not to lend a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan to me. I understand that I will be notified in writing of the results of the credit check with respect to my loan application. I also confirm that I am not in default on any loan or repayment of grants offered through Federal Student Aid.

Applicant Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Electronic signatures are not accepted