



**2023-2024  
Federal Direct PLUS Loan  
Application/  
Pre-Approval**

**Complete, sign and return this form to:**  
Financial Assistance  
University of Southern Indiana  
8600 University Boulevard  
Evansville, IN 47712  
FAX: 812-461-5305  
This form is on-line at [www.usi.edu/financial-aid](http://www.usi.edu/financial-aid)



The Direct PLUS Loan Request is used to gather information from parents who wish to borrow Federal PLUS Loan funds for loan periods that fall within the year beginning fall, 2023 and ending summer, 2024. Note: Students for whom PLUS Loan funds are borrowed must be classified as dependent for financial aid purposes and the 2023-2024 FAFSA must be completed before the loan is certified.

**If you prefer to complete this form electronically, please visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).**

Please **print or type** both yours and the student's information. Allow 3-5 weeks for processing. **Incomplete forms will delay loan processing time.**  
**ONLY ONE** parent applicant's information may be reported on this form.

- 1) Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) USI Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ / Student's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ / Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Parent borrower's name: \_\_\_\_\_  

(Last)
(First)
(M.I.)
- 4) Parent's Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      5) Circle one: U.S. Citizen    Eligible Non-citizen
- 6) Parent's permanent street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please use a complete street address, **not** a P.O. box number.)
- 7) Parent's City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Parent's date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- 9) Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_      Parent E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Parent's driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_      State of issue: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Enter total amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00      **An amount is required!**
- 12) Select a loan period - **PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE:** (Note: If the student plans to attend USI for the full year, we recommend an academic year loan.)
  - Academic year loan: 8/2023 to 5/2024
  - Fall-only loan: 8/2023 to 12/2023
  - Spring-only loan: 1/2024 to 5/2024
  - Summer-only loan: 5/2024 to 8/2024
- 13) In case payment of this PLUS Loan creates a credit balance on the student's USI bursar account, you must indicate here how a refund is to be processed. **Please check only one:**
  - Refund directly to the student
  - Refund directly to the parent at the above address

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information is for parents who anticipate a credit denial.**

A parent may prefer to have Financial Assistance review his/her creditworthiness before applying for the Direct PLUS Loan so the student can be considered for the additional Direct Student Loan funds. In addition to the data provided above, please complete the following:

**Credit Check Request Only.** I am requesting Financial Assistance use the data provided on this form to review my creditworthiness for the Federal Direct PLUS Loan (Parent Loan) with the U.S. Department of Education. If the Direct PLUS Loan is denied, the student may be eligible for additional unsubsidized funds and will receive additional information.

If the Direct PLUS Loan is approved, would you like to use the data provided to apply for the Direct PLUS Loan with the U.S. Department of Education?

Yes (A 2023-2024 FAFSA is required.)       No

**NOTE:** If the boxes above are left unchecked, Financial Assistance will assume the parent is applying for the PLUS Loan.

## 2023-2024 Direct PLUS Loan Information

Direct PLUS Loans are available to parents of dependent students as "no-need" financial aid. Students for whom PLUS Loan funds are borrowed must be classified as dependent for financial aid purposes and the 2023-2024 FAFSA must be completed before the loan is certified. To apply for a Direct PLUS Loan electronically, please visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

### Direct PLUS Loans: What You Should Know

For purposes of the Federal Direct PLUS (Parent) Loan program, parent refers to the dependent student's natural mother or father, custodial stepparent, or adoptive parent.

### MPN Information

Parent Borrower must complete the PLUS Loan master promissory note on-line at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

### Half-Time Enrollment Required

Students must be enrolled in at least 6 semester hours (half-time status) at the time of disbursement. In cases where students drop below half time before the loan is disbursed, an exception may be made but only for the first disbursement and only in cases where the student meets all other eligibility criteria.

### Loan Limits

Direct PLUS Loans will be certified by USI for the maximum amount for which the borrower is eligible, or the amount requested, whichever is less. Annual loan limits are adjusted for enrollment status and unmet financial aid budget costs. Both parents may borrow individually but the total of the two loans may not exceed the annual loan limit.

### Creditworthiness

Credit decisions are valid for 180 days. It is recommended credit checks be conducted no sooner than 90 days prior to the student's start date. Credit denied applicants who would like to attempt to resolve the denial or apply for the Federal Direct PLUS Loan with a credit-worthy endorser (co-borrower) may do so at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). If any parent is credit approved or a creditworthy endorser is obtained, additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds cannot be awarded.

### Direct PLUS Loan Interest Rates

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rate</i>
7-01-23 to 6-30-24	8.05%

Under current law (August 2013), the maximum interest rate is 10.5 percent.

### Repayment

Direct PLUS Loans begin repayment within 60 days of the loan's final disbursement. Typically, a loan for the academic year goes into repayment in February (during the student's second semester).

Your monthly payment amount on a Direct PLUS Loan will vary depending on the repayment plan you choose and how much you borrowed. You can obtain estimated monthly payment amounts for different debt levels or for other repayment plans by visiting [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

There are several repayment plans that are designed to meet the different needs of individual borrowers. Generally, you'll have 10 to 25 years to repay your loan, depending on the repayment plan you choose. To learn more about repayment plans, go to [studentaid.gov/repay-loans](http://studentaid.gov/repay-loans).

### Deferment

For Direct PLUS Loans that are first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008, parent borrowers have the option of deferring their Direct PLUS Loan. For information regarding eligibility or to request a deferment, parents can visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) for more information.

### Fees

The U.S. Department of Education charges a loan fee of 4.228% of the principal amount of each Direct PLUS Loan. This fee is deducted proportionately from each disbursement of your loan.

Borrow what you need, but only what you need. It never makes sense to run up more debt than necessary.