

PLUS Loans: What You Should Know

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.

Parent PLUS Loan Interest Rates

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rate</i>
7-01-08 to 6-30-09	7.9% (subject to change)

Under current law (March 2006), the maximum interest rate is 9 percent.

Repayment

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

Deferment

For Direct PLUS Loans that are first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008, parent borrowers have the options of deferring their Direct Plus Loan. For information regarding eligibility or to request a deferment, parent borrowers must call the Direct Loan Servicing Center (DLSC) at 800/848-0979.

Processing Fees

2.5 percent is deducted from your loan disbursements by the Direct Loan program under federal guidelines.

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.