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# Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

## Financial Aid Services

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### What is a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan?

The Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan is a low-interest loan program that enables parents of dependent undergraduate students to borrow directly from the Federal Government to help pay for the student's educational expenses.

### What are the features of a Direct Parent PLUS Loan?

- Requires the borrowing parent to pass a credit check.
- The interest rate is fixed at 7.90% for 2006-2007.
- Allows borrowing up to the cost of education minus other financial aid received.
- Has a 4% origination fee deducted from the loan at disbursement.
- Repayment begins within 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed.
- If approved, borrower must sign a PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) that is valid for ten years and all future approved PLUS loans for the same student.
- If parent is denied for the Direct PLUS Loan and the student has filed a FAFSA, student may borrow additional Unsubsidized Direct Loan up to the annual established limits: Freshmen/Sophomores up to \$4,000; Juniors/Seniors up to \$5,000. An Unsubsidized Direct Loan accrues interest while the student is in school.
- Interest on a PLUS Loan accrues from the date the first disbursement is credited to the student's University account.
- Offers a variety of repayment plan options including standard, extended, graduated or income contingent.

For more detailed information about the Direct Parent PLUS Loan, prospective borrowers may call the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 800.848.0979 or visit their web site at: [www.dlssonline.com](http://www.dlssonline.com)

### How to Apply for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

- Complete the pre-application form on the reverse side and return it to:

Financial Aid Services  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
285 Old Westport Road  
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

- You may also fax the completed Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Pre-Application Form to Financial Aid Services at 508-999-8935.
- If credit is approved, you must sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for PLUS Loan. You may sign the Master Promissory Note on line at <https://dlnote.ed.gov>
- If credit is denied, parent may apply with an endorser or the student may borrow additional Unsubsidized Direct Loan.
- After we receive the completed promissory note, the approved loan amount minus the origination fee is disbursed directly to the student's University account at the scheduled time.

