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# Plus Loan for Parents Graduate Students

## Application Guide and Recommended Lender List

### Important Processing Information:

1. You may apply for a Plus loan if:
  - You are a graduate student.
  - You are the biological parent of a Biola student (grandparents, guardians, etc. are not eligible for the Plus Loan.)
2. Requirements:
  - Student and parents must be either U.S. citizens, or eligible non-citizens with a U.S. address.
  - Student must be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible degree program. (Certificate programs are not eligible.)
3. Before we can process your Plus loan, the student must:
  - Be accepted for enrollment by the Admissions Office.
  - Apply for financial aid with a 2007-2008 FAFSA.
4. Application processing time for the school can take on average two to three weeks from the time of receiving a complete application.  
**Please apply at least one month prior to registration if the Plus is necessary for enrollment.**

### What You Need to Know

#### How much can I borrow?

You may borrow up to the cost of attendance minus estimated financial aid.

#### What is a Master Promissory Note?

The application and Master Promissory Note (MPNs) is one document. When you complete the application, you also complete the promissory note and are promising to repay the loan. In order to receive a loan, you must sign a MPN. The MPN is your promise to pay the full amount of the

loan plus interest. It is the legal document that describes the terms and conditions of your loan, including the type of loan and amount you are borrowing, the interest rate you will pay and when you must begin repayment.

#### What is a disclosure statement?

Your lender will send you a Notice of Guarantee and Disclosure Statement when your loan proceeds are disbursed. This statement identifies the specific terms of your loan and includes the:

- Type and amount of your loan
- Amount of the guarantee fee
- Amount of the origination fee
- Interest rate you will pay
- Estimated dates your loan should be disbursed

#### How will my loan be disbursed?

For full year loans, your loan will be disbursed in two installments, one in the fall and one in the spring. A proportionate amount of the guarantee and origination fees will be deducted from each disbursement. Your loan proceeds will be made co-payable to you and the student's school. After obtaining authorization, the student's school will deliver the loan funds.

#### When does repayment begin?

Repayment of the Federal Plus Loan begins after the final disbursement of the loan. The first payment is due no later than 60 days from the date of the final disbursement. You may repay your loan over as many as 10 years.

The borrower may apply for an in school deferment with the lender while he/she is enrolled at least half-time.

[Calculation Worksheet/Recommended Lender List](#) 

## Calculation Worksheet

Financial Aid: see estimated or confirmed aid if available

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Grants and Scholarships            | \$ _____ |
| Federal Perkins Loan or Biola Loan | \$ _____ |
| Federal Stafford Loan              | \$ _____ |
| Other Financial Aid                | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total Financial Assistance</b>  | \$ _____ |

Cost: go to [http://www.biola.edu/undergrad/financial\\_aid/tuition\\_costs.cfm](http://www.biola.edu/undergrad/financial_aid/tuition_costs.cfm)

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Tuition                      | \$ _____ |
| Room & Board (if applicable) | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total Cost</b>            | \$ _____ |

Additional Costs:

If you wish, you may also add in the estimated cost of any item listed below:

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Books & Supplies              | \$ _____ |
| Personal Expenses             | \$ _____ |
| Transportation                | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total Additional Costs</b> | \$ _____ |

### PLUS Loan Calculation:

$$\left( \frac{\text{Cost}}{\text{Cost}} + \frac{\text{Additional Costs}}{\text{Costs}} \right) - \frac{\text{Financial Aid}}{\text{Financial Aid}} = \$ \frac{\text{Maximum PLUS Loan Amount}}{\text{Loan Amount}}$$

If the requested loan amount exceeds the cost of education, your loan amount will be adjusted down to fit. If you have any questions concerning this worksheet or need any assistance in determining your Plus loan amount, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office.

## Recommended Lender List:

[www.biola.edu/undergrad/financial\\_aid/loans.cfm](http://www.biola.edu/undergrad/financial_aid/loans.cfm)

### SunTrust Education Loans

[www.suntrustededucation.com/biola-plus](http://www.suntrustededucation.com/biola-plus) • Phone: 800.552.3006

- **1% Interest Rate Reduction at Repayment**
- **0.25% Interest Rate Reduction for automated payments.** Parents/Grads can reduce the interest rate on their Plus loan by 1/4% when they allow their monthly loan payments to be automatically drafted from a personal bank account.

### Chase

[www.chasestudentloans.com/custom/biola](http://www.chasestudentloans.com/custom/biola) • Phone: 800.366.0032

- 0.3% interest rate reduction applied immediately after first disbursement
- 0.3% interest rate reduction with ACH payments
- 1.2% principal reduction after the first 12 on-time payments
- 2.4% principal reduction after the first 24 on-time payments

### CLC

[www.collegeloan.com/Biola](http://www.collegeloan.com/Biola) • Phone: 888.972.0852

- .25 Interest Rate Reduction for automatic payments
- 5% credit of the principal balance outstanding after 48 consecutive payments on time
- Graduate Students: Greater savings under our Grad PLUS
- 24/7 Borrower Hotline for Biola Families
- Personalized Loan Consultants assigned to Biola families
- Credit Resolution Assistance is available

### Wachovia Education Finance

[www.educaid.com/schools/biolaplus](http://www.educaid.com/schools/biolaplus) • Phone: 800.338.2243

- 0% Federal Default Fee, Rebate = to 1% of original principal at beginning of repayment
- Rebate = to 1% of original principal if 1st 12 scheduled payments on time
- Rebate = to 1.5% of original principal if 1st 24 scheduled payments on time
- Borrower must sign up for auto debit no later than 3rd month of repayment to qualify for rebates
- PLUS credit counseling
- Forbearance option up to four years

### Wells Fargo

<http://wfefs.wellsfargo.com/jump/ca/biola.html> • Phone: 800.658.3567

- Wells Fargo will pay the 1% default fee on your behalf if not paid by guarantor
- 1.5% interest rate reduction after borrower makes the first 36 consecutive monthly payments and uses our convenient electronic billing statement feature
- 0.25% interest rate reduction when WF automatically withdraws payment from checking or savings accounts and borrower uses our convenient electronic billing statement feature
- Grad Plus borrowers receive an additional .50% interest rate reduction at first disbursement

Recommended Lender Notice: By law, you may choose any lender you would like. However, we highly encourage you to choose a lender on our recommended lender list, as these lenders have aligned themselves to Biola's internal process, enabling us to better serve our parents and students. We cannot guarantee that we have a working relationship or the ability to communicate with lenders not on our list. Therefore, please understand that choosing a lender not on our list will result in a manual paper process (including paper certification, lender mailing the loan check to Biola, and borrower endorsement of check), as opposed to electronic transfer of documents and funds. It is the borrower's responsibility to resolve any issues or problems that may arise directly with the lender.

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**Lender Code: 811303**

