

FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOANS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Federal Direct PLUS for Graduate Students is available to degree seeking graduate or professional student. This loan is not based on financial need and is borrowed from the US Department of Education.

Eligibility

The graduate or professional student borrower must meet the following criteria to receive a Federal Direct PLUS loan. The student must:

- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be U.S. Citizens or other eligible status (permanent resident)
- Not owe a defaulted student loan or a federal grant repayment
- Meet other eligibility requirements as applicable.
- Be in compliance with Biola University's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Not have an adverse credit history.

Loan Amounts

Graduate and professional students may borrow a Federal Direct PLUS loan for an amount up to their educational expenses minus other financial aid.

Loan Fees, Interest, Repayment and Deferments

An origination fee of 4% of the loan amount is deducted by the federal government. Borrowers are notified of this fee at the time of loan approval and loan disbursement amounts reflect the deduction of this loan fee. The interest rate is 7.9% and interest begins upon disbursement. Repayment begins within 60 days after the loan is disbursed. Some deferments and various repayment options are available, and in some cases interest may be capitalized. More Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan information is also available at <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

PLUS Loan Procedures

- Student borrowers must have filed a FAFSA and have their eligibility for Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized loans determined prior to being awarded a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan.
- A Biola University Application for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan and a completed Electronic Master Promissory Note for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan are required.
 - The BU Application for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan must be completed by the student, and submitted to the Financial Aid Office. The Electronic Master Promissory Note can be completed online at <https://dlenote.ed.gov/empn/index.jsp>
- The Financial Aid Office determines eligibility and forwards information to the U.S. Department of Education's Direct Loan Servicing Center. The U.S. Department of Education checks the credit history of the student borrower and accepts or rejects the application.
- BU disburses an approved Graduate PLUS loan in semester installments. Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loans are credited to the student borrower's University account to pay all charges first.
- Student borrower's have the right to cancel all or a portion of their Graduate PLUS loans by contacting the Financial Aid Office within 90 days after disbursement.

Adverse Credit History

If your PLUS Loan application is rejected by the U.S. Department of Education's Direct Loan Servicing Center due to adverse credit history you may elect to find an endorser for the loan.

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**BIOLA UNIVERSITY APPLICATION
FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN, FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

After completing and submitting the electronic Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note on the Direct Loan Servicing web site, (<https://dlenote.ed.gov/empn/index.jsp>), complete and return this form to Biola University Financial Aid Office, 13800 Biola Ave. La Mirada, CA 90639. A Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan will not be disbursed until both the electronic Federal Direct PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note and this form are completed, submitted and approved.

SECTION A – STUDENT BORROWER INFORMATION

NAME _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

BIRTH DATE _____

LOAN AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ _____

LOAN REQUESTED FOR: (check one)

Fall Only Fall & Spring Semesters

Spring Only Summer Only

The U.S. Department of Education’s Direct Loan Origination Center conducts a credit check to determine if the borrower has adverse credit. You will be notified if the Federal Direct PLUS Loan is not approved due to an adverse credit rating.

Student Borrower Signature

Date

SECTION B- SCHOOL

_____ Biola University approved your Federal Direct PLUS Loan for \$ _____

_____ Biola University did not approve your Federal Direct PLUS Loan because

Consent to Obtain Credit Report

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 in determining whether to make a Direct 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.

_____		_____	
Social Security Number		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
_____		_____	
Last Name		First Name	M.I.

Street			
_____		_____	
City		State	Zip

Phone Number			
_____		_____	
Signature of Borrower		Today's Date	

Privacy Act Disclosure Notice

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C.552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you. The authority for collecting the information requested on this form is §451 et seq. of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Your disclosure of this information is voluntary. However, if you do not provide this information, you cannot be considered for a Direct PLUS Loan. The information on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for a Direct PLUS Loan. The information in your file may be disclosed to third parties as authorized under routine uses in the Privacy Act notices called "Title IV Program Files" (originally published on April 12, 1994, Federal Register, Vol. 59 p. 17351) and "National Student Loan Data System" (originally published on December 20, 1994, Federal Register, Vol. 59 p. 65532). Thus, this information may be disclosed to federal and state agencies, private parties such as relatives, present and former employers and creditors, and contractors of the Department of Education for purposes of administration of the student financial assistance program, for enforcement purposes, for litigation where such disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the records were collected, for use by federal, state, local, or foreign agencies in connection with employment matters or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, for use in any employee grievance or discipline proceeding in which the Federal Government is a party, for use in connection with audits or other investigations, for research purposes, for purposes of determining whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act, and to a Member of Congress in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at your written request.

Because we request your social security number (SSN), we must inform you that we collect your SSN on a voluntary basis, but section 484(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(4)) provides that, in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under Title IV of the HEA, a student must provide his or her SSN. Your SSN is used to verify your identity, and as an account number (identifier) throughout the life of your loan(s) so that data may be recorded accurately.