Instructions on How to Apply for a Federal Parent PLUS Loan

All Federal PLUS loan requests will be processed for the full year and split evenly between fall and spring semesters.

1. Parent (not grandparent) borrowers (of new students) can apply online at studentloans.gov once you receive the first fall balance statement (mid-July)
   a. Determine the amount needed for the year by utilizing the Tuition Calculator tool, https://bursar.temple.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-rates, to create an estimated bill.
2. Parent borrowers must use their own FSA ID to log-in (not a student’s FSA ID) – for help visit, https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
3. After successfully logging-in, select Request PLUS Loan
4. Follow the steps to complete the application and credit check. Insert Temple University in the School Name section
5. Credit check results:
   a. If your credit is approved, you will be given instructions for completing a PLUS Loan Master Promissory
   b. Note- If your credit is not approved, you will have the option to (1) not pursue the loan, (2) obtain an endorser, or (3) appeal the credit decision.
6. PLUS Credit Counseling is required for parents that are adding an endorser or those that have appealed their credit denial.
7. More information on PLUS Loans can be found at: https://sfs.temple.edu/financial-aid-types/educational-loans/federal-direct-plus-loans
Instructions on How to Apply for a Private Student Educational Loan

All Private Student loan requests will be processed for the full year and split evenly between fall and spring semesters.

Private student loans are managed through private lenders, issued in the student’s name, and may require a creditworthy co-signer. Eligibility, rates, terms, and conditions vary. Approval and interest rates are based on the borrower’s (and if needed the co-signer’s) credit rating(s). Alternative loans are agreements between the borrower, co-signer, and the lender.

Temple University recommends students exhaust federal student aid options prior to pursuing private student loans.

Loan debt can accumulate quickly and result in a lifetime burden of high payments and will make it difficult to be approved for a car loan or mortgage. We encourage you to do your research!


1. Once a student has determined the best type of private student loan (and compared the loan terms and repayment options with the Federal PLUS Loan) apply online through the lender’s website once you receive the first fall balance statement (mid-July)

   We recommend that borrowers apply no earlier than June for the upcoming academic year (fall/spring semesters). All loans will be certified with equal disbursements split between the fall and spring semesters. Increases require a separate application after the loan has been processed. Be sure to calculate and apply for only the amount needed for the year by reviewing your cost of attendance and the tuition calculator tool.

2. Loan Term Dates for applications – August 2021 – May 2022

   Loan Disbursement information – loans are posted to student accounts by the SFS Office and will be set to disburse a couple of days before the start of each term and will continue on a rolling basis.

*Disbursement will only occur for students that meet all lender eligibility requirements (enrollment, no outstanding financial aid requirements, academic standing, etc…).

Keep good records – we encourage students to maintain easy to read (and find!) records of annual Private Student Loan borrowing amounts and private lender contact information.