

2017-18

Office of Financial Aid



# Parent (PLUS) Loan Application

## STUDENT INFORMATION:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D. number \_\_\_\_\_

This completed application is required to begin the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student process. Once the Student Financial Aid Office has received this document, the credit check process will be completed and notification sent to the student. Upon approval, a master promissory note must be completed by the parent at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Approval and processing of the loan may take two-four weeks from the time the application is received by the Student Financial Aid Office.

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Community College

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Financial Aid Office  
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Email: [finaid@rio.edu](mailto:finaid@rio.edu)

## BORROWER INFORMATION (Completed by the PARENT applying for the loan)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. How much PLUS loan do you want to borrow for the 2017-2018 school year?

I want to borrow \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 2017-2018 (Dollar Amount Required)

### 2. Does URG have your permission to hold a credit balance on your student's account resulting from this PLUS loan (Title IV Aid) to help pay for educational-related charges that have been, or will be charged to their account by URG during the current award year or loan period?

Why do we ask this? The government requires URG to obtain your permission to hold a credit balance on a student's account created from Title IV aid (the PLUS loan in this case.) **Tip:** Checking the "yes" box allows URG to hold the credit on the student's account to help pay for upcoming charges for 2015-16. (Side note: Even if you check the "yes" box, you can always request a refund if there is a credit on the account; we just need your permission to hold a credit on the account.) Checking the "no" box may result in owing a balance if charges are added after the credit has been refunded to you. (Owing a balance will prevent your student from pre-registering for classes for the next term.)

YES NO (A "YES" or "NO" answer is required)

### 3. If you answered "no" above, do we have your permission to refund the credit balance directly to the student?

YES NO (A "YES" or "NO" answer is required)

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## Please fill in the spaces below:

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. I affirm that the information provided above is accurate. I understand this is a loan obligation that must be repaid. I authorize the Financial Aid Office at the University of Rio Grande to proceed with the Parent PLUS Loan application using the above information.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Borrower (Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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. 117351) 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 4884 (a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 10991(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.

**Amount, Fees, Disbursement and Repayment**

**How much can I (the parent) borrow?**

You can borrow any amount up to your son or daughter's Cost Of Attendance (COA), minus any other aid they're receiving. The COA is a general budget, which factors in typical student costs (tuition, fees, room, board, books, miscellaneous expenses, etc.)

For example: COA = \$38,000

And your student's grants, scholarships, and loans = \$18,000

The total you could apply for in a PLUS loan for 2015-2016 would = \$20,000.

**Does the government charge a fee for the PLUS loan?**

Yes, the government takes out a 4.292% loan fee upfront. See the Direct Parent PLUS Loan MPN for more details.



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## Parent Plus Loan Facts

The 2017-2018 PLUS loan application is also available at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). This online application is available to any incoming freshmen and returning upperclassmen students for the 2017-2018 academic year. A parent can borrow the total estimated cost of attendance less the student's total financial aid (on the award letter). If more than one parent wants to borrow a parent loan for the same student, each parent must complete a separate application and Master Promissory Note.

### Interest Rates & Repayment

Parent borrowers may choose to begin repayment 60 days after the last Plus disbursement or defer payments until six months after the date the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. Parents may also choose when to repay the accruing interest.

- Keep in mind that the PLUS loan interest rate is fixed at 6.84%.
- The U.S. Depart. of Ed will charge an origination fee of 4.292%.

### Credit Check

If your application is denied, you will be notified from the Dept. of Education the reason for the credit decision. You have several options available to you. Please contact our financial aid office (740) 245-7218 if you are choosing one of the options below.

- You may appeal the credit decision if you have extenuating circumstances.  
-Please contact the Dept. of Education at (800) 557-7394 and Equifax (their credit bureau) at (800) 685-5000.
- You may have a third party endorser co-sign the PLUS loan application with you.

If you choose from these two options, the parent must complete a PLUS Loan Counseling session online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

If you choose not to pursue any of the options, your student can apply for additional unsubsidized loan funds based on the denial.

### Student Eligibility

A student must meet the following requirements before any PLUS Loan proceeds can be disbursed.

- Enrolled at least half time (six credit hours)
- Enrolled in a degree-seeking program
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

### Parent PLUS loan vs. Alternative Student Loans

The main advantage of the PLUS loan is the interest rate. It is fixed at 6.84%. The common interest rate on an alternative loan can range anywhere from 9% - 15%, or higher! And it's variable for alternative loans.

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