

## 2020-2021 Federal Direct PLUS Loan for Undergraduate Students

Russell Sage College participates in the William D. Ford Direct Loan program for all Federal educational loans, including the PLUS (parent) loan. A PLUS loan is a Federal loan that is an option for parents of dependent undergraduate students who are attending school at least half-time. The PLUS loan is in the parent's name and a credit check is required.

The interest rate on a PLUS Loan is usually better than many of the alternative student loans. The interest rate for Federal Direct PLUS loans disbursed after July 1, 2020 and prior to June 30, 2021 is fixed at 5.30% and subject to a 4.236% origination fee, if the first disbursement is made prior to October 1, 2020. PLUS loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2020 and before October 1, 2021 are subject to a 4.228% origination fee.

### Instructions

Parents wishing to borrow a PLUS loan for the 2020-2021 academic year must take the following steps.

- Complete the student's 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Complete the 2020-2021 Federal Direct PLUS Loan Supplemental Information Form and return the form to Brian Zink, Assistant Director of Financial Aid via one of the following options:
  - 1) Fax the form to 518-244-2460
  - 2) Scan and e-mail the form to [finaid@sage.edu](mailto:finaid@sage.edu)
  - 3) Mail the form to: Russell Sage College, Office of Student Services, 65 First Street, Troy, NY 12180.

Upon receipt of the form, a credit check will be completed to determine if the parent is eligible to receive the PLUS loan. The form can be found under the financial aid page at [sage.edu](http://sage.edu).

- Once approved for the loan, complete the Direct PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) online. Please go to <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/>. On the home page, look for **I'm a Parent of an Undergraduate Student**, then click on **Log In To Start**. The parent applying for the PLUS loan will login using their FSA ID (not the student's FSA ID).

The Department of Education will notify the Financial Aid Office once the MPN has been completed. Once the MPN and approved credit check have been obtained, Sage will certify the loan. Loan funds will be disbursed directly to the school.

*Please note: If you would like to borrow a PLUS Loan but an offer was not included on your financial aid award letter, you can still apply by submitting a Federal Direct PLUS Loan Supplemental Information Form to the Student Loan Coordinator and completing the Direct PLUS MPN.*