

HOW TO ACCEPT YOUR LOANS

DIRECT SUBSIDIZED OR UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN:

TO ACCEPT YOUR FEDERAL SUBSIDIZED OR UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN, YOU MUST:

- ✓ RETURNING student borrowers do not need to complete any of the steps for the Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loans. Your previous Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note will carry forward. Please note MPN's expire after 10 years from original sign date.
- 1. Go to: <https://studentaid.gov>
- 2. Login using your FSA ID created to complete your FAFSA.
- 3. Choose COMPLETE AID PROCESS, then click on **COMPLETE ENTRANCE COUNSELING** and click **START**. Once complete, choose SUBMIT COUNSELING.
- 4. Choose COMPLETE AID PROCESS, then under COMPLETE MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE choose **SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN MPN** and click **START**. Once complete, choose SIGN & COMPLETE.

DIRECT GRAD PLUS LOAN:

TO APPLY FOR YOUR DIRECT GRAD PLUS LOAN, YOU MUST:

- ✓ Returning student borrowers need to complete a new GRAD PLUS LOAN Application. (step #3)
- 1. Go to: <https://studentaid.gov>
- 2. Login using your FSA ID created to complete your FAFSA.
- 3. Choose APPLY FOR AID. Then click APPLY FOR A PLUS LOAN and underneath that heading click **APPLY FOR A GRAD PLUS LOAN** and click **START**. Once complete, REVIEW all information provided and verify that is correct and choose CONTINUE. **Please note, this step MUST be done each year, even for returning borrowers.*
- 4. Choose COMPLETE AID PROCESS, then click on **COMPLETE ENTRANCE COUNSELING** and click **START**. Once complete, choose SUBMIT COUNSELING. (Unless you borrowed last year)
- 5. Choose COMPLETE AID PROCESS, then under COMPLETE MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE choose **GRAD PLUS MPN** and click **START**. Once complete, choose SIGN & COMPLETE. (If you borrowed a Grad PLUS last year, you do not need to complete a new MPN unless you were required to use an endorser)

DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOAN:

TO APPLY FOR THE PARENT PLUS LOAN, YOUR PARENT MUST:

- ✓ Returning parent borrowers need to complete a new PARENT PLUS LOAN Application. (step #3)
- 1. Go to: <https://studentaid.gov>
- 2. Login using your FSA ID created to complete your FAFSA. If you don't have an account, choose CREATE ACCOUNT.
- 3. Choose APPLY FOR AID. Then click APPLY FOR A PLUS LOAN and underneath that heading click **APPLY FOR A PARENT PLUS LOAN** and click **START**. Once complete, REVIEW all information provided and verify that is correct and choose CONTINUE. **Please note, this step MUST be done each year, even for returning borrowers.*
- 4. Choose COMPLETE AID PROCESS, then under COMPLETE MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE chose **PARENT PLUS MPN** and click **START**. Once complete, choose SIGN & COMPLETE. (If you borrowed a PLUS loan last year you do not need to complete a new MPN unless you were required to use an endorser. In that case, you need to go online to complete and submit a new PARENT PLUS MPN.)

(If the parent was denied the Parent Plus Loan, during step 3 above and are choosing to use an Endorser, they must complete all Endorser Paperwork. You must complete PLUS Credit counseling and a Parent PLUS MPN.)

Important Points

The information below is provided as you consider the loan portions of your financial aid award. If you wish to decline or lower the loans listed on your award letter, please cross through them and initial next to each modification. When completed, please return it to our office. OR you can let us know in writing to financial.aid@marymount.edu.

DIRECT SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS are the most common source of educational loan funds. Subsidized loans are need-based and are for undergraduates only. The federal government pays the interest on the Subsidized Loan while the student is in school. The Unsubsidized Loan is not need-based and the student is responsible for the interest on the loan as soon as it is taken out. The current interest rate for the Subsidized Loan is 2.75%. The interest rate for the Unsubsidized Loan is 2.75% for undergraduates, and 4.30% for graduate students. Repayment on these loans begins 6 months after the student either graduates or drops below half-time. The school determines the amount of your eligibility and it is shown on your financial aid award letter.

DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOANS and **GRAD PLUS LOANS** are low interest education loans for either parents of undergraduate, dependent students or graduate students themselves. These loans can be used to help pay up to the entire cost of education including tuition, fees, room/board and books. The PLUS loan is not based on income or assets, however to qualify you must pass a credit check. The federal interest rate for both types of PLUS loans is 5.30%. Repayment can be deferred until 6 months after student either graduates or drops below half-time. A FAFSA is required in order to apply for PLUS loans.

Please note that any federal loans received by both student and parent are submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders and schools to be authorized users of the data system.