



## Parent PLUS Loan

To qualify for a Federal PLUS loan, the PLUS borrower must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- ✓ Be the biological or adoptive parent of the dependent student, or be the spouse of the parent whose information was provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ Not be in default on any type of federal loan.
- ✓ Not owe an overpayment on any type of federal grant.
- ✓ Pass a credit check conducted by the U.S. Department of Education:
  - A PLUS applicant who is denied due to adverse credit history may be reconsidered with a credit-approved endorser (co-signer), OR,
  - Submit documentation to the U.S. Department of Education reflecting extenuating circumstances related to the adverse credit history and complete PLUS Credit Counseling.
  - More information about adverse credit history may be found at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus>
- ✓ The student's financial aid award on [my.cityu.edu](https://my.cityu.edu) will reflect the maximum PLUS Loan eligibility.

Two eligible parents may get a Direct PLUS Loan as long as the total aid package does not exceed the student's cost of attendance. A legal guardian is NOT considered a parent for Federal Student Aid purposes.

**Please note:** *Before processing a Parent PLUS Loan, CityU must first review your student's FAFSA data to determine that there are no eligibility issues that must be resolved.*

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ Complete the Parent PLUS Loan Data Sheet and submit the completed form to CityU Financial Aid Office.
- ✓ Complete the Parent PLUS Loan Application electronically using your FSA ID number (the same one used to file your student's FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchPLUS.action?plusType=parentPlus>
- ✓ If you have not already done so, you must also complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) at the <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/parentplus/landing> site.
- ✓ A separate MPN is needed for each new PLUS Loan.

When the funds are available to disburse, the loan will disburse to the student's billing account. Any PLUS funds remaining after tuition and fees are paid will be given to the student or parent depending on which box is indicated in question #7. **Changes to refund disbursements cannot be made after the loan has been processed.**

- ✓ There are two PLUS repayment options: 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed or six months after the dependent student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. Work with your loan servicer to identify which repayment option works best for you. For more information about the Parent PLUS Loan, please see the U.S. Department of Education's site at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/parent>

