SUMMER 2017
DIRECT PLUS LOAN FACT SHEET
FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

A Federal Direct PLUS is a credit-based loan which is available to assist parents with the costs of higher education. The Direct PLUS is available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. The parent applicant must pass the PLUS loan credit review and must not have an adverse credit history. The parent borrower and student must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. The student for whom the Direct PLUS is requested must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours in a degree granting program. The credit hours must be accepted towards his/her degree program. An enrolled student must be making satisfactory academic progress and have no outstanding balance due for prior enrollment at Boston University.

During the 2016/2017 academic year, the interest rate was established at 6.31%, fixed for the life of the loan. The specific interest rate that a borrower is charged will be included in a disclosure statement that is sent out after the first disbursement of the loan. Interest begins to accrue on the date of the first loan disbursement. The first payment is due within 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed. A parent borrower can defer repayment of Federal Direct PLUS loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/08, while the student for whom you obtained the loan is enrolled at least half-time, and for an additional 6 months after the student graduates or drops below half-time status (six credits). The borrower must separately request each deferment period. During the deferment period, interest can be paid monthly, quarterly or capitalized quarterly.

Annually, a parent may borrow a Direct PLUS up to the cost of the student's education less any financial aid the student is receiving. However, parents are strongly urged to borrow no more than they are able to repay. A loan fee of 4.276% will be deducted from the loan prior to disbursement.

Loan eligibility cannot be determined until the student is registered for the Summer Session. It is important that your loan request be submitted as soon as possible after registration is finalized. Your application will take approximately seven to ten business days to review.

How Do I Apply?
1) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov), if you have not already done so.

- Submit the 2017/2018 FAFSA if student is attending Boston University for the first time, a student who received federal student aid during Summer Term 2016 or a student who is enrolling in classes that begin on or after 07/01/17.
- Your 2016/2017 FAFSA information may be utilized if student attended Boston University and received federal aid for the 2016/2017 academic year and wish to apply for summer loan(s).

2) Parent Borrower must complete the Summer 2017 PLUS Request form. This form authorizes the U.S. Department of Education to perform a credit review.

3) Special loan counseling is required for any parent borrower who has an adverse credit history but qualifies for a PLUS loan through the reconsideration process or by obtaining an endorser for the loan. The loan counseling requirement must be completed online at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov).

The parent borrower will be notified by the Department of Education if the borrower needs to complete special loan counseling.

4) Prior parent borrowers who completed a PLUS promissory note for the 2016/2017 academic year are **not required** to complete a new PLUS promissory, **unless** an endorser was required to secure that loan. First time borrowers and all other borrowers are required to complete a new PLUS promissory note.

The parent borrower must complete the PLUS promissory note online at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov). The parent borrower will be required to use his/her U.S. Department of Education issued FSA ID to complete the online promissory note. If the parent borrower does not have a FSA ID, the parent can create one when logging in to [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov). The PLUS loan cannot be used in the settlement of the student account until the promissory note has been completed and the parent has passed the credit review. Failure to complete the promissory note at least two weeks before the end of the loan period may result in cancellation of the loan.

**In order to receive loan funds, all above requirements, including a positive credit status, must be successfully processed and approved before the student’s last day of the summer enrollment period.**

**Consortium Agreements**

If you are enrolled in a degree program at Boston University and take classes at a different institution, you must have a **Consortium Agreement** completed by three parties: (1) Financial Aid Office at the institution you are attending during the summer, (2) your school’s academic office at Boston University and (3) Boston University International Programs. The completed Consortium Agreement should be forwarded to Boston University Financial Assistance with the Direct PLUS Request Form. The consortium agreement must be submitted **at least 3 weeks** before the end of your summer classes in order for Boston University to review your summer loan request.

If you are enrolled in a degree program at another institution and take classes at Boston University, you may be eligible for a summer Stafford Loan. You should first check with your home institution (where you are matriculated as a degree candidate) to see if your home institution will process the summer Stafford loan. If they are unwilling, you may submit your request for a summer loan to Boston University along with a Consortium Agreement completed by your home institution.
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(Please print and fax or mail to BU Financial Assistance)

I, the parent borrower, authorize the U.S. Department of Education to check my credit history for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the loan, and to report information about my loan eligibility to persons and organizations permitted by law to receive that information. I understand that I will be notified in writing of the credit review with respect to my loan application.

Default Certification: If you are in default on any loan received under the Direct Loan, the Federal Family Education Loan or the Federal Perkins Loan Programs (including the National Direct Student Loans), you are not eligible to receive a PLUS Loan unless you have made satisfactory repayment arrangements with the loan holder to repay the amount owed. Check the box below to certify that you meet this requirement.

☐ I am not in default on a loan received under the programs listed above, or if I am in default, I have made satisfactory arrangements with the loan holder to repay the amount owed.

The parent borrower wishes to apply for a Direct PLUS Loan in the amount of $___________ based on the student's summer registration listed below.

Number of credits: Summer Session I ______ Summer Session II ______

Any funds anticipated for Summer 2017 from a source other than this loan:
Source _________________ Amount $ _______

PLEASE PRINT PARENT BORROWER’S FULL LEGAL NAME
(Your legal name below should match what is on the Master PLUS Promissory Note)

Parent First Name ___________________________ Middle Initial _______ Last Name ___________________________

Parent Address: Number and Street Name ___________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code ___________________________

Parent Phone Number ___________________________ Parent Email Address ___________________________

Parent Social Security Number ___________________________

Parent Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ___________________________

Parent’s Citizen Status (check one)
(1) ____ U.S. Citizen or National
(2) ____ Permanent Resident/Other Eligible Non-Citizen

If (2), Alien Registration Number ___________________________

Student BU University ID Number ___________________________

Student First Name ___________________________ Middle Initial _______ Last Name ___________________________

Boston University Financial Assistance must be notified if any of the above information changes. A change in registration may reduce or eliminate any eligibility for the Direct PLUS, which may result in a balance due the University.

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Boston University Financial Assistance, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02215, Fax 617-353-8200