



2009-2010 PLUS LOAN APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT IS THE PLUS LOAN?

The Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is a loan borrowed by a credit-worthy parent to help meet the educational expenses of a student enrolled at least half-time in a degree program. PLUS loans accrue interest (currently at 8.50%) from the date of disbursement and the parent borrower enters repayment 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

The "Parent" means the custodial parent or stepparent or a parent who no longer lives in the home. A non-custodial stepparent who no longer lives in the home, however, is not an eligible applicant. (Custodial parent or stepparent refers to the family that the student lives with when not at school and/or who is required to provide financial data on the FAFSA.) **Only one parent borrower per loan application is allowed.**

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please note: If the student has declined the PLUS loan on Bearcat Web, no further action is needed. However, if you wish to apply for the PLUS Loan, follow the steps listed below.

1. Determine how much you wish to request in the PLUS Loan. You may not need the full amount that is listed on Bearcat Web. Borrow only what you need. For your convenience, we have provided a PLUS Worksheet below to help you budget appropriately.

The maximum you can borrow is listed on the awards section of the student's Bearcat Web account. The student can log in to their account and provide this information to you. You may not need the full amount. Borrow only what you think you will need. A list of charges for a semester is available at http://www.lander.edu/business_office/. Charges are usually available mid-June.

For On-campus Students	Off-campus students
Direct Cost (billed by Business Office)	
Estimated Semester Tuition	Estimated Semester Tuition
Fees for semester (course, parking, etc.)	Fees for semester (course, parking, etc.)
Room and Board for semester	
Indirect Costs (Do you need funds to help cover the following?)	
Books (approximately \$500/semester for 12 credit hours)	Room and Board (rent, food, utilities) for semester
Transportation for one semester	Books (approximately \$500/semester for 12 credit hours)
Miscellaneous for one semester	Transportation for one semester
	Miscellaneous for one semester
Total Semester Cost	Total Semester Cost
X 2 for full year	X 2 for full year
Subtract accepted financial aid (see Bearcat Web account for financial aid awards)	Subtract accepted financial aid (see Bearcat Web account for financial aid awards)
Subtract other family resources	Subtract other family resources
**Total Estimated PLUS Loan Amount for full year (fall/spring)	**Total Estimated PLUS Loan Amount for full year (fall/spring)

****Note:** There is a loan origination fee of up to 4% deducted from the requested PLUS Loan amount. (e.g., if you request \$1,000, the net amount credited will be \$1,000 – 4%=\$960, half each term.)

2. Complete a PLUS Pre-screen application on-line. Lander University offers a recommended lender list on-line at:

<http://www.lander.edu/finaid/awards/loans/parent.htm> .

These lenders have historically offered Lander University students exceptional customer service and borrower benefits. Lander University will certify the Federal Parent PLUS Loan with any lender the parent chooses. Before the loan can be certified, however, the parent must submit a pre-application to the lender of their choice to determine if they have been pre-approved. The lender will notify your parent of the status of their PLUS loan application. We will receive notification electronically.

3. If your PLUS loan is approved, please return page three of this form (PLUS Application Supplement) to the Office of Financial Aid. We will complete the process by electronically certifying your loan eligibility with the lender. Reductions may be made to your requested loan if your requested amount exceeds the total cost of attendance when combined with all other sources of aid (e.g. – Federal Stafford Student Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and all outside resources).

New Parent Borrowers: Once approved, The PLUS MPN (Master Promissory Note) must be completed and signed before the lender will disburse funds to Lander University. If you choose not to electronically sign (e-sign), the lender must receive the original signed paper MPN before they will disburse the funds.

4. If your PLUS is denied, you do not need to return this form to the Financial Aid Office. The student may fill out the PLUS Credit Decision Form (available from our office or on our website at <http://www.lander.edu/finaid/forms/>) to receive additional Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds (subject to student eligibility.) Freshmen and sophomores are limited to no more than \$4000/year; juniors and seniors, \$5000/year.

5. A borrower has the right to cancel or reduce the amount of any federal loan up to 30 days after the loan is disbursed. If you wish to reduce or cancel your loan, you must notify the Office of Financial Aid in writing AND arrange payment of the resulting account balance with the Student Accounts Office.



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The parent borrower must complete this form after receiving pre-approval from the lender.

Print Student's Last Name, First, M.I. Student's Lander ID Number

Print Parent's Last Name, First, M.I. Parent's Social Security Number

Parent's Date of Birth Parent's E-Mail Address

Parent's Street Address City State ZIP

Parent's Phone Number including area code (_____) _____

Lander University allows the parent to initiate the PLUS loan process online. Please see "Application Process" on Page 1 for more information. Once you have been approved, please indicate below the lender you chose.

I have applied online through the following lender (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chase | <input type="checkbox"/> Suntrust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CitiBank | <input type="checkbox"/> Wachovia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina Student Loan Corporation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (List Name): _____ | |

Please check the period of time loan funds are needed:

- Fall & Spring: 9/01/09 – 4/27/10 Fall only: 9/01/09 - 12/18/09 Spring only: 1/11/10 – 4/27/10

\$_____ The amount requested cannot exceed Fall + Spring PLUS loan amount(s) on the student's award on Bearcat Web. (Note: There is a loan origination fee of up to 4% deducted from this amount. E.G., if you request \$1,000, the net amount credited will be \$1,000 – 4%=\$960, half each term.)

Yes No Are you, the parent, in default on an education loan or do you owe a refund on a federal student grant that you received for which you were not entitled? If yes, you are not eligible for PLUS.

Yes No I, the parent borrower, give permission for PLUS loan funds to be used to pay any outstanding charges the student may owe which exceed tuition/fees and room/board. These charges may include books, supplies, equipment, or any late fees or fines such as: library, parking, dormitory, returned checks, etc. I understand I have the right to say no, and that if I choose to do so, no loan funds will be disbursed until all outstanding charges are paid in full. This authorization remains in effect, until I rescind it, without penalty.

CERTIFICATION:

I understand that: (1) the PLUS loan is to be used toward the student's cost associated with attendance at Lander and not to pay my personal bills, (2) without exception, the proceeds of my PLUS loan will be credited to the student's account and used as *the first source of aid to pay charges* known by the Student Accounts Office at that point in time, (3) the PLUS loan funds will be disbursed in one payment per term based on enrollment period, and (4) all other student aid, public and private, will be applied to my student's account after the PLUS loan.

Parent Borrower's Signature Date

DATA ENTRY		COUNSELOR REVIEW	
RRAAREQ	N=Pending Review	RRAAREQ	S = Satisfied, eligible, I=Incomplete
Initials/date		Update RHACOMM	Post Approved or Denied per pre-screening results
		Update RPAAWRD	Mark loan accepted and update to amount on xxPLAS
Fwd to Counselor date		CNSLR Initials/date	