

2011-12 Direct PLUS Loan Application

Thank you for your interest in the Federal Direct PLUS Loan. The primary benefit of the PLUS Loan is that a parent can borrow a federally guaranteed low interest loan to help pay for their child's education. A Federal PLUS Loan allows a parent to **borrow the total cost of undergraduate education** including tuition, room and board, and any other eligible school expenses, minus any aid the child is receiving in their name. PLUS loans can help fill the gap after Stafford loans and scholarships have been accepted. The interest on PLUS loans is fixed at 7.9%, and begins to accrue as soon as the loan is disbursed.

Eligibility: The PLUS Loan depends on a modest credit check that determines whether the parent has adverse credit. An adverse credit history is defined as being more than 90 days late on any debt or having any Title IV debt within the past five years subjected to default determination, bankruptcy discharge, foreclosure, repossession, tax lien, wage garnishment, or write-off.

Repayment: Parents have the choice of making payments while the student is in school or deferring payments until the student graduates. If you choose to pay after graduation, interest will accrue from the time of full disbursement. In order to defer payments on a PLUS loan, please contact Direct Lending at 1-800-848-0979.

Directions: There are two steps to apply for a Direct PLUS Loan.

Step One: Complete the Shimer College PLUS Loan Application on the following page. Please fill out the form as completely as possible and return it to the Office of Financial Aid. The form can either be faxed or mailed to 1-888-808-3133 or mailed to:

Shimer College
Office of Financial Aid
3424 S State Street
Chicago, IL 60616

Step Two: The second step is to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) online with the federal government: <https://studentloans.gov/>. You will need the parent FAFSA pin number to complete the MPN with an electronic signature.

Process: The federal government will make a credit decision on the loan. This process can take up to two weeks. If you are approved and the MPN is complete, we will disburse the funds to the student's account on the scheduled disbursement date. If you do not qualify for a PLUS loan you will be notified. If you believe that the credit decision is incorrect you may dispute the credit decision. You also have the option to get a cosigner, or to bypass the PLUS loan, which allows the student to receive a larger Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

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Shimer College 2011-2012 Parent PLUS Loan Application

Student Section

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Shimer ID Social Security Date of Birth

US Citizen: Yes No If no, please provide alien registration number _____

Enrollment: Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Fall 2011 only Spring 2012 only

Parent Section

Parent First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Relationship to student: Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather Other: _____

Social Security Date of Birth

US Citizen: Yes No If no, please provide alien registration number: _____

Street Address Apt. Number

City State Zip Code

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Home Phone Work Phone E-mail Address

Loan Amount Requested \$ _____ (Loan proceeds will be disbursed in two equal payments as required by law)

By signing this application, I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct. I consent to the US Department of Education and its agents obtaining a report of my credit record and using the information from that report in determining whether to make a Direct PLUS Loan to me. In addition, I give Shimer College permission to credit proceeds of the PLUS to the student's account and refund any credit balance to the student for educational purposes unless I have made other arrangements with the business office.

Parent's Signature

Date