

Federal Direct PLUS Loan Information

Who Is Eligible?

- Parent of an Undergraduate Student (Dependent Students Only)
- Graduate Students

How much can be applied for?

- The remaining amount needed to meet the student's determined "Cost of Attendance"
- The student's Cost of Attendance is listed on the Financial Aid Award Letter after a student is awarded
- See www.svsu.edu/financialaid for more information on Cost of Attendance

What is the interest rate?

- The current fixed interest rate is 7.9%

When does it need to be repaid?

- For Parents: Repayment begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed (typically in March for a Fall/Winter Loan)
Parents can request a deferment if the student is enrolled at least half-time (contact Lender for options)
- For Graduate Students: 6 months after you graduate, leave school, or fall below half-time enrollment

Is there an approval process?

- Yes, the applicant must be approved for the loan and a credit check does apply
- Undergraduate Students only: If your parent is denied, you may be eligible for an additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
 - Freshmen/Sophomore Students: Up to \$4000 in additional eligibility
 - Junior/Senior Students: Up to \$5000 in additional eligibility

Online Application Process Instructions:

For the Fall 2011 and Winter 2012 semesters, the application process will strictly be an electronic application.

- First, you (the student) **must** submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.gov)
- Then, the parent or graduate student must complete an online application at www.studentloans.gov **(you can complete this process no earlier than May 1, 2011)**
- The applicant will then receive a decision of approval or denial
- SVSU will receive those results within 1-3 days
- If approved, the Federal Direct PLUS Loan will appear on the student's Financial Aid Award Letter (visible on Cardinal Direct)
- Options if denied:
For Undergraduate Students: Your additional unsubsidized loan eligibility will be added to your Financial Aid Award Letter, and you must sign to accept those additional loan funds
For Graduate Students: You can look into Alternative Loan options at www.svsu.edu/financialaid or the Cardinal Payment Plan at www.svsu.edu/cpp

Note: When we receive your PLUS application for the 2011-2012 academic year, we will assume that you are requesting the loan for the Fall 2011 **and** Winter 2012 semesters. If you would like the loan for only one semester, please contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid as soon as possible.