Federal Direct PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) is a loan program for parents to help finance the cost of their child’s education. The Department of Education funds the loan through the U.S. Treasury. Interest rates and loan fees are determined annually by the Department of Education. The College encourages students to explore their Federal Direct student loan options before a parent applies for the PLUS. Please see below for general information regarding PLUS for academic year 2018-2019:

Interest Rate:
Fixed at 7.60%

Loan Fee:
4.264% for loans where the first disbursement is before 10/1/2018 or 4.248% for loans with a first disbursement date on or after 10/1/2018. Loan fees are deducted from the total amount borrowed prior to each disbursement.

Maximum Eligibility:
The maximum amount a parent can borrow is determined by the total cost of attendance minus any outside resources and financial aid awarded. Please refer to your financial aid award letter for these amounts.

Credit Check:
A credit check is required by the Department of Education as part of the PLUS application process. If a parent is denied a PLUS, the student may qualify for additional funds from the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan program. Please contact our office if you need more information about this.

How to Apply:
1. Complete and submit a FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
2. Log in to http://studentloans.gov and complete the Department of Education PLUS application process
3. Complete and return the Connecticut College PLUS Request Form to the Connecticut College Financial Aid Office
4. For first time borrowers: Log in to http://studentloans.gov and complete a PLUS Loan Agreement (MPN)
5. For borrowers who are approved after an initial credit decline: Log in to http://studentloans.gov and complete PLUS credit counseling. This is only required if requested by the Dept. of Education.

When to Apply:
We will begin processing PLUS loans on or around July 15, 2018. Once approved, the credit decision is valid for 180 days and must still be in effect at the time of first disbursement. Because of this time schedule, you should apply for the loan no earlier than June 30, 2018.

Repayment:
Repayment of principal and interest begins after the second disbursement of the loan and will be arranged with your Federal Loan Servicer. Information regarding payment deferment eligibility will be available at the time you complete the online Department of Education application.

Disbursement of Funds Schedule:
PLUS is payable in two disbursements per federal regulations as follows:
1. For full academic year loans: one half of the total at the beginning of each semester or
2. For a one semester only loan: one half at the beginning of the semester and the remaining half midway through the semester.

Loans will only be disbursed to the student’s account when all of the following have occurred:
1. All applicable financial aid application documents have been submitted, including the FAFSA
2. All necessary loan requirements are met
3. The loan has been certified by the College and approved by the Department of Education
4. The student is currently in active status and enrolled in sufficient (at least 12) credits hours
5. The disbursement date is no earlier than 10 days before classes start for the semester

Additional Information:
http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/plus
2018-2019 Federal Parent PLUS Request Form

Please print all information legibly and do not leave any blank spaces

**STEP 1  STUDENT & PARENT INFORMATION**

Student's Name ___________________________________________________________ Camel ID # ________________________________

Parent Borrower's SSN __________-________-__________ Parent email address: _____________________________________________________________

Parent Borrower's Full Legal Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Phone ________________________________

Parent’s Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address (P.O. Box #) __________________________________________________________________________ City ___________ State _________ Zip Code _____________________________

Parent's Citizenship  _____ US Citizen  OR  _____ Eligible Non-Citizen with Alien #: A __________________________

**STEP 2  LOAN INFORMATION**

**INDICATE BELOW THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO BORROW.**

The loan amount cannot exceed the total cost of attendance minus the total award. Refer to your award letter for this information.

- **INDICATE THE LOAN PERIOD**
  - [ ] Full Academic Year
  - [ ] FALL Semester ONLY
  - [ ] SPRING Semester ONLY

- **REQUESTED LOAN AMOUNT**
  - $ ______________________

  **Do not leave space blank**

- **DO YOU WANT US TO INCREASE THE LOAN REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FEE?**
  - YES_____  NO_____

**STEP 3  FIRST TIME FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS BORROWERS**

If you are a FIRST TIME DIRECT PLUS BORROWER for the above named student, You must complete A PLUS LOAN AGREEMENT (MPN).

To complete the MPN, log in to http://studentloans.gov.

Once on the website, use your (parent) FSAID to sign in (click on green “sign in” button) then click on "Parent Borrowers".

**STEP 4  PARENT SIGNATURE**

How do you wish to be notified when your loan has been disbursed to the student's tuition account? (Please choose only ONE option)

To email address as provided on the loan application ________  Mailed to home address ________

PARENT SIGNATURE ___________________________________________________________  TODAY’S DATE _____________________________

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