



Financial Aid Office

Heartland Community College

1500 W. Raab Road

Normal, IL 61761

**2021-2022**

## **Parent Plus Loan Information**

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### **What is the Federal PLUS Loan?**

The Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is an educational loan that the parent borrows to pay the educational expenses of a child who is a dependent.

To borrow a PLUS loan for a student, the parent must be the natural parent, stepparent whose information is reported on the FAFSA, or adoptive parent of the child for whom you are borrowing.

### **Amount that can be borrowed**

The minimum loan amount at HCC is \$200. The maximum loan amount is based on the student's Cost of Attendance less any other financial aid received. The Cost of Attendance for the enrollment period is determined by the Heartland Financial Aid Office. Cost of attendance figures for full-time students can be found on the Heartland web site.

### **Applying**

To apply for the PLUS, the parent borrower must complete the PLUS application which is available from the Heartland Community College (HCC) Financial Aid Office. The form can also be downloaded from the Heartland web site.

### **Loan approval and notification process**

Once the loan application is submitted, the Heartland Financial Aid Office will determine the loan amount for which you are eligible. The loan application will be electronically submitted to the U.S. Department of Education for a credit check. The U.S. Department of Education will send you either an approval or denial notification. Unless you notify the Heartland Financial Aid Office, we will assume that you are accepting the PLUS loan as awarded.

### **Direct Plus Master Promissory Note**

You must complete your Direct Plus Promissory Note (MPN) online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Go to "Complete and Process" and select "Parent Plus MPN". The Plus MPN is required for all borrowers. If you do not complete the MPN, the application process is not complete and you Plus loan will not disburse.

### **Disbursement to student's account**

The loan will be divided equally between the semesters that the loan covers. If the loan is only for one semester, the loan will be disbursed in two disbursements, one at the beginning of the semester and the other after the midpoint of the semester. Disbursement will be delayed if you have not completed your promissory note.

### **Repayment Information**

After you have accepted the PLUS loan, a "Disclosure Statement" will be sent to you by the U.S. Department of Education indicating the amount you are borrowing, the loan period and the loan fees for 2021-2022. Repayment of principal and interest begins 60 days after the final loan disbursement for the academic year is made. Interest begins to accrue at the time the first disbursement is made. The interest rate for Parent PLUS loans is 6.28% fixed. A 4.228% origination fee is charged by the Department of Education for each PLUS loan processed. For more information about interest rates, repayment plan options, and monthly payment estimators, visit the Department of Education web site at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

### **Can I postpone payments on a PLUS loan?**

Yes, if your student is enrolled at least half time at an eligible school, payment can be postponed. You must apply for an In-School Deferment with your PLUS loan servicer.

### **Credit balance refund from the PLUS loan?**

After the loan is applied to your student's Heartland account and all institutional charges have been paid, any credit balance refund will be made according to the refund preference you indicated on your PLUS application (either paid to the student or to the parent borrower). Please make sure you indicate a preference for question #14 on the Parent Plus Loan Application.

**Questions?** Call the financial aid office at 309-268-8020 or send an email to [finaid@heartland.edu](mailto:finaid@heartland.edu).



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## 2021-2022 Direct Parent PLUS Loan Application

Return Completed Application to: Financial Aid Office, Community Commons Building 1106, Heartland Community College, 1500 W. Raab Road, Normal, IL 61761

### Student Information – Please Print

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ HCC Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Has a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) been completed?  Yes  No

Note: A PLUS application will not be processed until the FAFSA is completed and data is received by the Heartland Financial Aid Office.

### Parent Information – Please Print

Note: Only one parent may complete this form. You must be the natural parent, stepparent whose information is reported on the FAFSA, or adoptive parent of the child for whom you are borrowing a Direct PLUS loan. Only parents of dependent undergraduate students may borrow under the PLUS loan program.

1. Parent Borrower's Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Parent Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Parent Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Parent Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
5. Parent Birthdate: (Use Numbers Only) Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parent Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Parent Email Address: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you  Male  Female
9. Are you the custodial parent?  Yes  No If no, relationship to the student \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes, I am a U.S. Citizen  No, but I am an eligible non-citizen Alien Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you in default on any federal Title IV educational loan or do you owe a refund on any federal Title IV student grant?  Yes  No
12. Direct PLUS loan amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_ **(DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)**

13. Loan Period for which you are requesting funds: (Check One):
- Both Fall and Spring (2021-2022)  Fall 2021 Only  Spring 2022 Only  Summer 2022 Only

14. Funds from the Direct PLUS loan will be applied first to outstanding institutional charges. Please indicate to whom any remaining balance should be released:
- Release remaining funds to student  Release remaining funds to parent borrower

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all the information on this application is true, correct and complete. I further certify that all Direct PLUS loan funds received will be used for educational expenses related to attendance at Heartland Community College. I authorize the U.S. Department of Education and its agents to obtain my credit report and use the information in determining whether or not I qualify for a Direct PLUS loan. I understand I will be notified in writing by the U.S. Department of Education of the results of the credit check with respect to my loan application.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Privacy Act Disclosure Notice: Because we request your social security number (SSN), we must inform you that we collect your SSN on a voluntary basis, but 484(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091 (a)(4)) provides that, in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under Title IV of the HEA, the applicant must provide his or her SSN. Your SSN is used to verify your identity, and as an account number (identifier) throughout the life of your loan(s) so that data may be recorded accurately.

## Parent Plus Refunds

If you have financial aid funds that exceed the charges on your account at the time of disbursement, the parent can elect to have a refund, which may be used to pay other educationally related expenses. (Note that if subsequent charges are made to your account, you are responsible for paying them. Student can view their account by going to myheartland).

*\*\*Must complete Plus Loan Promissory Note before plus loans can be disbursed.*

If the student is receiving financial aid other than the Parent Plus to cover tuition and fees.

Student will need to complete the following steps:

1. **Accept Your Aid**
2. **Satisfy All Outstanding Requirements** — Be sure that every item on under “Tasks” is complete.
3. **Course Units** — Students must be enrolled in at least six hours.
4. **SAP-** Meets Satisfactory Academic Progress.
5. **Borrower Information sheet**
6. **Loan Promissory Note**
7. **Entrance Counseling**

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## SELECT ONE

\_\_\_ Yes, there is an excess of financial aid funds that exceed the charges on the student’s account and requesting a full refund of the parent plus loan for living expenses.

\_\_\_ Apply Parent plus loan to tuition and fees first. Any credit balance remaining from the parent plus loan will be refunded.

**\*\* any credit balance refund will be made according to the refund preference you indicated on your PLUS application (either paid to the student or to the parent borrower). Please make sure you indicate a preference for question #14 on the Parent Plus Loan Application.**

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_