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Step 1: Log in to https://studentaid.gov/

Step 2: Select the link to “Loans and Grants” followed by “PLUS Loans: GRAD PLUS and Parent PLUS” (see Figure 1)

FIGURE 1

Step 3: Select the proper Start link to apply for the PLUS for Graduate/Professional Students (see Figure 2). You may need to confirm that you have not placed a freeze on your credit report.

FIGURE 2

Step 4:
- **Under “Award Year” select 2024-2025.** Selecting any other Award Year will inhibit us from moving forward on your application for the upcoming school year.
- Select the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing from the Dropdown by typing in “Maryland” and then locate the JHU School of Nursing. Once selected, it will auto populate. If any other school is selected, we will not receive your information. You will also need to confirm your address and employment (see Figure 3 below)
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Figure 3

Step 5:
- Select the amount of GRAD PLUS being requested.
  - The first option is to borrow the maximum amount. The maximum amount of the loan that can be borrowed is listed as the Anticipated GRAD PLUS under Accept Awards in SIS. However, it may be higher once loan fees are calculated.
  - The second option can manually be entered and in any amount.
  - The third option consists of our office contacting you to discuss the amount you would like to borrow.
Select the Loan Period

- Students enrolled in the following programs should choose **05/2024 – 05/2025** as their Loan Period.
  - DNP Executive Practice
    - DNP/MBA
    - DNP/MPH
    - DNP Executive
    - DNP CRNA
  - DNP/PhD
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- Students in all other programs should choose **09/2024 – 08/2025** as their Loan Period. (see Figure 5 below)
  - Masters Entry to Practice
  - DNP Advanced Practice (not CRNA)
  - Doctor of Philosophy
  - MSN
  - Post Masters’ Certificates

**Figure 5**

![Loan Period](image)

**Step 6:** Select if the School of Nursing can use your GRAD PLUS funds to satisfy any charges beyond tuition and fees. You are free to leave this unchecked and it doesn’t affect your application.

**Figure 6**

**Use of Loan Funds**

Your school will use your Direct PLUS Loan to pay for student tuition and fees, and for housing and food (for on-campus students).

You may authorize the school to apply your Direct PLUS Loan funds to other education-related charges on your student account (e.g., library fines, campus parking tickets, lab fees, and charges for minor damage to school property).

You aren't required to provide this authorization, and you may change the authorization at any time by contacting the school.

- I authorize the school to use my Direct PLUS Loan to pay for other education-related charges incurred at the school, as described above.
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Step 7: Review the information to ensure it is correct and from there scroll through to authorize the credit check. At this point, we will receive your information electronically letting us know the results of the credit check (see Figure 7)

Figure 7

☐ I have read and understood the following Important Notices:
  • Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act Notice
  • Privacy Act Notice
  • Financial Privacy Act Notice
  • Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Certifications and Authorizations

You must read and agree to the statements below by clicking on the boxes.

☐ I certify that:

  1. The information I have provided on this Direct PLUS Loan Application is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is made in good faith, and

  2. I have read and understood the entire Direct PLUS Loan Application, including the Important Notices.

☐ For the loan that I am requesting by completing this Direct PLUS Loan Application, I authorize the U.S. Department of Education to check my credit history for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the loan(s), and to report information about my loan eligibility to persons and organizations permitted by law to receive that information.