



2021-2022 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Checklist

This Graduate PLUS Loan checklist is designed to help guide you through the process of applying for and receiving a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan at Dominican University. Please review it carefully and contact Megan Reidy-Champion, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at 708-524-6578 or via email at mreidy@dom.edu if you have any questions.

First-time borrowers must complete **all** of the following steps to request a Graduate PLUS loan for the 2021-2022 school year at Dominican University. Students who have previously borrowed Federal Direct PLUS Loans must complete any items that are shown on the enclosed letter as needed to finalize Graduate PLUS Loan eligibility before your request will be processed

_____ **Electronically Apply for a Graduate PLUS Loan (Credit Check)**

Graduate PLUS Loan borrowers *must* request a Graduate PLUS Loan on-line and complete a credit check with the United States Department of Education. These steps are done on-line at the website <https://studentloans.gov> by completing the section “Apply for a PLUS Loan” under the Graduate/Professional Students Tab. The credit check is only valid for 90 days after approval. Students will be able to access “Apply for a PLUS Loan” for the 2021-2022 academic year after April 1, 2021.

_____ **Electronically sign your Master Promissory Note**

The Graduate PLUS Master Promissory Note is a legal and binding agreement between you and the Department of Education, your promise to repay your loan. The Graduate PLUS Master Promissory Note is electronically signed (e-signed) at the website <https://studentloans.gov>.

To electronically sign your Master Promissory Note you will need:

- Your FAFSA pin number
- Your driver's license or state ID number, if you have one.
- The names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references who live in the United States. The references must live at two different postal addresses.

_____ **Loan Entrance Counseling**

Before receiving a Graduate PLUS Loan, borrowers *must* complete an entrance counseling session. Entrance counseling helps you to understand your loan responsibilities. Entrance counseling for Graduate/Professional students is completed on-line at the website <https://studentloans.gov> and takes between 20-30 minutes to complete

Keep copies of all your loan paperwork in a safe place for future reference.