

Loan Charges

In addition to interest, you pay a loan origination fee that is a percentage of the principal amount of each Direct PLUS Loan received. This fee helps reduce the cost of making these low-interest loans. The fee is deducted before the loan money is disbursed, so the loan amount actually received will be less than the amount you have to repay.

Repayment

Repayment of a Direct PLUS Loan begins 60 days after the full amount you've borrowed for a school year has been disbursed. This means that you generally must begin repayment while you are still in school. For Direct PLUS Loans with a first disbursement date that is on or after July 1, 2008, you may request that repayment be delayed while you are still enrolled at least half-time and during the 6-month period after you graduate or are no longer enrolled at least half-time. If you would like to postpone repayment of your PLUS Loan based on your enrollment status, you must contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

Interest rate

The interest rate for Direct PLUS Loans is a fixed rate of 7.9%. Interest is charged on Direct PLUS Loans during all periods, beginning on the date of your loan's first disbursement. To find out more information or interest rates for Direct PLUS Loans, contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C.552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you. The authority for collecting the information requested on this form is §451 *et seq.* of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Your disclosure of this information is voluntary. However, if you do not provide this information, you cannot be considered for a direct PLUS Loan. The information on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for a Direct PLUS Loan. The information in your file may be disclosed to third parties as authorized under routine uses in the Privacy Act notices called "Title IV Program Files" (originally published on April 12, 1994, Federal Register, Vol. 59 p. 65532). Thus, this information may be disclosed to federal and state agencies, private parties such as relatives, present and former employers and creditors, and contractors of the Department of Education for purposes of administration of the student financial assistance program, for enforcement purposes, for litigation where such disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the records were collected, for use by federal, state, local, or foreign agencies in connection with employment matters or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, for use in any employee grievance or discipline proceeding in which the Federal Government is a party, for use in connection with audits or other investigations, for research purposes, for purposes of determining whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act, and to a Member of Congress in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at your written request.

Because we request your social security number (SSN), we must inform you that we collect your SSN on a voluntary basis, but section 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, a student 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.