

## 2012–2013 FEDERAL DIRECT GRADUATE PLUS LOAN REQUEST FORM (Application for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan)

To apply for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, you must be a graduate/professional student and a U.S. citizen or other eligible non-citizen. In addition, you must have filed a 2012–2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Step 1:** Complete this form if you wish to borrow a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan for 2012-2013. You will need to have applied for your maximum Federal Direct Stafford Loan eligibility before we can process your Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan.
- Step 2:** Submit this completed form to the Financial Aid Office. Electronic document upload is preferred, and is the quickest, most efficient way to submit materials to our office. Please visit [www.usc.edu/financialaid](http://www.usc.edu/financialaid) and click on "My Financial Aid & Documents" for specific instructions.
- Step 3:** Once the Financial Aid Office processes your loan and the Department of Education approves your credit, you must sign a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov). You will receive an e-mail reminder at that time.
- Step 4:** First-time borrowers at USC must complete graduate entrance loan counseling online at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov).

**Please note:** To receive your loan, you must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time in a graduate or professional degree-granting program of study;
- Have submitted all required documents (including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov));
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP);
- Maintain eligibility for the loan in your financial aid package;
- Have already borrowed the maximum amount permitted under the Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program and have completed entrance loan counseling if you are a first-time borrower at USC; and,
- Demonstrate that you meet the federally established, minimum credit criteria. The Direct Loan Servicer will perform a credit check when we notify them of your eligibility.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Student's Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_ Student's USC ID number \_\_\_\_\_

US Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected USC graduation date:** Month (typically May, August or December) \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Loan amount requested** (Please make only one selection below.)

I wish to borrow the maximum amount for which I am eligible (cost of attendance minus other aid).

I wish to borrow less than the maximum for which I am eligible (specify amount): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Borrower certification:**

I authorize the Financial Aid Office to forward to the Direct Loan Servicer all the data required to process my Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan application. I certify that all information provided is true and correct.

Borrower's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Warning**

Your eligibility for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan may be reduced if you receive additional aid (such as scholarships, fellowships, teaching and research assistantships, or departmental awards), or if you change your enrollment or housing plans. If your eligibility for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan changes, we may:

- 1) Cancel your loan;
- 2) Reduce future disbursements of your loan; and/or
- 3) Refund amounts already delivered to you. If a refund is necessary, we will charge the refund to your university account. Billing balances created by financial aid refunds are subject to the rules governing the payment of all university student accounts.