

**FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine**  
**Office of Medical Student Financial Aid**  
**2017-2018 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Information**

- The Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Program is available to students admitted to the M.D. Program
- A loan origination fee of 4.276% will be deducted from each loan first disbursed between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. The amount of the origination fee and is subject to change each year.
- Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loans originated and first disbursed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 have a fixed interest rate of 6.31%. The interest rate is subject to change each year. There is no grace period and interest starts to accrue on the disbursed amount the date of disbursement.
- Loan repayment begins within 60 days after the final disbursement of the loan. Borrowers have the option of deferring repayment until they are no longer enrolled on at least a half-time basis.
- More information about Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans, including eligibility criteria and repayment options, can be found at <http://www.studentloans.gov>. It is strongly recommended that you review this information before applying.

***PRIOR to submitting the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Addendum (see next page), the following requirements must be satisfied:***

- The student must be formally admitted to the M.D. degree program at FAU and must meet all general aid eligibility criteria.
- FAU must receive an electronic transmission of a valid (non-rejected) Student Aid Report from the U.S. Department of Education for the student. This report is generated after the student has filed a 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
- FAU must receive and process all documents required for the student to be eligible for federal student aid. Instructions regarding how to review the status of all required documents can be found on the Student Requirements link on the Office of Student Financial Aid home page ([www.fau.edu/finaid](http://www.fau.edu/finaid)).
- The student must establish/utilize his/her maximum annual Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan eligibility for the loan period before borrowing through the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Program.
- A Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling must be completed at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) prior to the awarding and/or disbursement of any Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan funds.
- FAU will be notified by the U.S. Department of Education once the student is approved for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan. Once the student submits the loan application, a credit check is initiated. The credit check is valid for a period of 180 days. **FAU recommends that students apply for Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan approval no earlier than 60 days prior to the start of the enrollment period for which the loan is intended and the student is eligible.**
- When a student requests a Graduate PLUS Loan, the U.S. Department of Education initiates a credit check. If the application is denied, the student may re-apply with a co-signer.

***AFTER the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Addendum (below) is submitted to the Office of Medical Student Financial Aid, we will:***

- Review the date of student's Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan credit approval. If it is determined that first disbursement of the Graduate PLUS loan will not be made within 180 days of the current approval, the student will be advised to apply for a new loan at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
- Transmit a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan origination request to the U.S. Department of Education in the amount requested by the student or the student's maximum eligibility (defined as the student's cost of attendance less all other assistance), whichever is less.
- Disburse the funds approximately the second day of class each half of the year, after confirming the Loan Application was approved and the MPN and Entrance Counseling are on file with the U.S. Department of Education. Loan funds will be applied toward any FAU tuition and fee balance, and funds that exceed that balance will be disbursed to the student for living expenses.



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**2017-18 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Addendum**

**By completing and submitting this form, the student confirms all Graduate PLUS Loan prerequisites listed on page one of this form have been satisfied, that s/he has a valid Graduate PLUS Loan approval and has completed the required Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).**

**Student Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Z #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAU Email: \_\_\_\_\_@health.fau.edu  
 Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested Graduate PLUS Loan Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please be aware you will not receive the requested amount, due to the deduction of origination fees. Example: Loan Request = \$1,000.  $\$1,000 \times .04276 = \$42.76$ , or a \$42 Origination Fee (fees are always rounded down to the next dollar) A loan amount of \$1,000 - \$42 in Origination Fees = \$958 net (disbursed) loan amount. To determine how much you need to borrow to receive less than your maximum eligibility, divide the amount you wish to receive by .95724 to arrive at the amount you need to borrow.  
 Your budget will be increased by the amount of the loan's origination fees (.04276% x the loan amount, rounded down to the next dollar)

**By signing below, I am requesting a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, and confirm I have reviewed and satisfied all prerequisites listed on the prior page. I confirm I have received a valid credit approval, have a valid Master Promissory Note on file, and have completed Entrance Loan Counseling with the U.S. Department of Education. I also understand that I will be required to reapply for credit approval if the first disbursement of this loan is not made within 180 days of the current credit approval on file.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Office of Medical Student Financial Aid Use Only</u></b>			
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