

# FINANCIAL AID

## FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM



### GRADUATE PLUS LOAN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Graduate students are required to file a FAFSA before they request a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan.

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: UNDERSTAND AID, APPLY FOR AID, COMPLETE AID PROCESS, and MANAGE LOANS. The main content area features a large heading 'You Are America's Smartest Investment' and a sub-heading 'The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$120 billion in financial aid to help pay for college each year.' Below this are 'Log In' and 'Create Account' buttons. To the right, there is a list of links: Corinthian/Marquez Court Case, Complete the FAFSA Form, Explore Ways to Lower Payments, Learn About Loan Forgiveness, and Find Out How to Make a Payment. Below the main content are four tabs: 'Considering School' (I'm thinking about going to college or a career school), 'In School' (I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate), 'Parent' (I want to help my child pay for college), and 'In Repayment' (I have loans I need to repay). At the bottom, there is a section titled 'We're here to help you access and manage your financial aid.' with a sub-heading 'If you filled out the FAFSA form, you may have been offered grants, work-study, and loans. Before you receive a'. To the right of this section is a 'POPULAR TOPICS' list with two items: 'Renew Your FAFSA Form' and 'Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School', which is circled in red.

**STEP 1:** Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

**STEP 2:** Under In School tab, click on **Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School**.

- Log in using your federal FSA ID.

**STEP 3:** Click START to begin the **Graduate PLUS application**.

- Select an **award year**.
- Enter **school, loan amount, and loan period** (i.e. for fall/spring: August 2020 – May 2021).
- Complete authorizations and submit application.

**STEP 4:** Complete **Graduate PLUS Entrance Counseling**.

- Under **In School** tab, click **Complete Loan Entrance Counseling**.
  - Select **Complete Entrance Counseling** as a graduate or professional student.

**STEP 5:** Complete Graduate PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN).

- Under **In School** tab, click **Complete a Loan Agreement (Master Promissory Note)**.
- Select **PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students**.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact the Student Loan Support Center at **1-800-557-7394**