



Federal Direct Loan Programs for Undergraduate Students and Parents 2010-2011

The University of Rhode Island participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. This program includes both student Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans, as well as Parent (PLUS) loans. The University receives funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education and disburses them to eligible students. You are not required to submit a separate bank loan application to receive your loan funds.

Students borrowing through the *Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program* for the *first time* at URI must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Accept the Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loans offered on the student's award letter through the student's e-Campus account www.uri.edu/ecampus/ or return the financial aid award letter indicating acceptance of the loan.

Step 2: Complete Entrance Counseling for students at: StudentLoans.gov and click on the Entrance Counseling link.

Step 3: Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for students electronically at: StudentLoans.gov

Note: Returning students with an MPN on file, need only complete Step 1 each academic year.

Parents borrowing through the *Federal Direct Parent Loan Program (PLUS)* for the *first time* at URI must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Log on to the Direct Loan web site and complete a credit check and Master Promissory Note (MPN) in the parent's name at: StudentLoans.gov

Step 2: Complete the URI supplemental Parent Loan application at: www.uri.edu/es Click on the "Parent PLUS Loan Application" link under the NEWS section.

Credit Checks: Direct Parent (PLUS) Loan borrowers will be able to authorize and initiate a credit check via the Direct PLUS Loan Request process on the StudentLoans.gov web site. It is a required step of the Direct (PLUS) Loan Request process. The borrower will receive the results of a borrower-initiated credit check immediately. ***The credit check decision will be good for 90 days.***

- If approved, the borrower is advised to complete a Direct PLUS Loan MPN (unless one is already on file).
- If not approved, the borrower is asked how he or she wants to proceed, such as not pursuing a Direct PLUS Loan, obtaining an endorser, or appealing the credit decision. Regardless of the borrower's choice, a paper Endorser package will always be sent to the borrower. In addition, the borrower can still complete a Direct PLUS Loan MPN.

Note: Returning Parent loan applicants with an MPN on file, need only complete Step 2 each academic year. A yearly credit check will be performed during loan processing for subsequent applications.