

FINANCING OPTIONS

Payment Plan

Assumption University offers a monthly payment plan which allows students and their families the option to pay their account balance in manageable monthly installments. For more information on Assumption's payment plan program, please visit our Student Accounts Office website through <u>assumption.edu</u>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Student Account Office at (508) 767-7351 or at <u>studentaccounts@assumption.edu</u>.

Federal Direct PLUS Loans

Parents of dependent students may decide to borrow a Federal Direct PLUS Loan to help cover education expenses. Parents may borrow up to the total cost of attendance (tuition, room and board, lab fees, etc.) minus any portion of expenses already covered by student financial aid. Parent PLUS Loans will begin repayment 60 days after the loan is disbursed.

Parent PLUS Loans will require a credit check for the borrower. If you are denied the Parent PLUS Loan, there are steps you may take in order to appeal the credit decision, or you may obtain a credit-worthy endorser in order to reverse the denial. The student may be eligible for additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan if the parent is denied the Federal Direct PLUS Loan.

For more information on Parent PLUS Loans, current interest rates and origination fees, please visit https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/parent. The loan origination fees are deducted proportionately each time a loan disbursement is made to the student's account.

How To Apply For a Parent PLUS Loan

- 1. Go to https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/parent/landing and click on "I am a Parent of an Undergraduate Student".
- 2. Follow the directions to complete the PLUS loan application for parents.
- 3. Once approved, please make sure to follow the directions to complete the Master Promissory Note for the Federal PLUS loan. If denied, our office will receive this information electronically and we will review the student for additional unsubsidized loan funds.
- 4. You may log out once completed. We will receive the results of your loan application electronically.

Private Alternative Loans

Assumption University encourages you to fully research the loans and lenders that best fit your needs. Private loans are available to help cover the remaining balance after financial aid is applied to your bill. All private loans are subject to credit approval and require a completed promissory note. These loans must be submitted for certification to the Office of Financial Aid; the certified loan will then be reflected as a secure loan to be applied towards your student account.

We highly recommend that any student or parent looking to apply for a private loan visit **ELMSelect.com**, a neutral lender and product comparison tool. It allows students to evaluate, compare, and select a lender that best fits their financial needs. This site allows students and parents to view detailed information about repayment options, interest rates, and brings you directly to the application site for each lender.