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Federal Direct Loan Program **Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note**

To complete the **Entrance Counseling** and the **Master Promissory Note (MPN)** for the Federal Direct Loans

Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan program - Please follow the steps below

Go to: <https://studentaid.gov/>

Step 1: Go to Loans and Grants

Step 2: Click on Loan Entrance Counseling

Step 3: Select Student status

Step 4: Log In (Students use your FSA ID Username and FSA ID Password to sign in)

Step 5: Go back to Loans and Grants

Step 6: Click Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Step 7: Choose the Direct loan MPN that you want to complete

Step 8: Log In (Students use your FSA ID Username and FSA ID Password to sign in)

Parent of Dependent students only

Parent(s) please follow the instructions below to complete the **Direct PLUS Loan** application on or after July 01, 2024. Credit approval expires after 180 days of your request. To avoid credit expiration of your loan, please apply by the date stated above.

Go to: <https://studentaid.gov/>

Step 1: Parent(s) Go to Loans and Grants

Step 2: Click PLUS Loans: Grad Plus and Parent Plus

Step 3: Select Borrower Type- Direct Plus loan application for Parents (Learn More) on right

Step 4: Log In (Parent use your FSA ID Username and FSA ID Password to sign in)

Step 5: Choose Award Year 2024-2025 (follow all directions) *

Step 6: Go back to Loans and Grants

Step 7: Click Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Step 8: Choose the Direct Loan MPN- PLUS MPN for Parents of Dependent Undergraduate Students

Step 9: Log In (Parent use your FSA ID Username and FSA ID Password to sign in)

Once you complete ALL steps above, your direct loan will originate.

If you fail to complete any step, USMMA's Office of Financial Aid will not be able to process your Direct Loan.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (516) 726-5638.

* Please print copies of all your results*