

## Loan Comparison Chart – Undergraduate Dependent Students

2024-2025 Aid Year	Federal Direct Student Loans	Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan	Private/Alternative Loan										
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<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>These loans are in the student's name.</p> <p><b>Subsidized Loan:</b> Eligibility is based on need. <b>Unsubsidized Loan:</b> Eligibility is not based on need.</p>	<p>This loan is in the parent's name.</p> <p>The parent borrower must not have an adverse credit history. The parent and student may not be in default on a federal student loan.</p>	<p>This loan can either be borrowed in the student's name or the parent's name.</p> <p>Approval and loan terms are based on the creditworthiness of the student and cosigner.</p>										
<b>Interest Rate</b>	<p><b>Subsidized Loan:</b> 5.5% (does not accrue until repayment) <b>Unsubsidized Loan:</b> 5.5%</p>	8.05%	Fixed or variable. Rates range from 2% to 12%, depending on the lender and credit of the borrower and cosigner. Interest accrues while the student is enrolled.										
<b>Fees</b>	1.057% assessed at the time of disbursement.	4.228% assessed at the time of disbursement.	Varies by lender.										
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<b>Enrollment Requirement</b>	At least half-time (6 credit hours).	At least half-time (6 credit hours).	Varies by lender. Some lenders offer loans to students who are enrolled less than half-time.										
<b>Satisfactory Academic Progress</b>	The student must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward a degree in order to be eligible for Federal Direct Loans. Review <a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/sap">www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/sap</a> for more information about SAP requirements.	The student must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward a degree in order to be eligible for the Parent PLUS loan.	Varies by lender. Contact individual lenders to inquire about their Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.										
<b>Cosigner</b>	No.	No; however, if the parent has insufficient credit, they may seek an endorser.	Borrowers may be required to have a co-signer for approval and/or better loan terms.										
<b>Application Process</b>	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/fafsa</a> . Complete Entrance Counseling, Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement and Master Promissory Note at <a href="https://studentaid.gov">https://studentaid.gov</a> .	Student - complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/fafsa</a> . Parent - apply at <a href="https://studentaid.gov">https://studentaid.gov</a> . If approved, complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at the same site.	Apply directly with the lender, typically online. Contact the lender with any questions.										
<b>Repayment</b>	Repayment begins 6 months after the student graduates or drops below half-time enrollment (6 credit hours). Repayment term is 10-25 years.	Repayment begins once the loan is fully disbursed. Parents can request deferment while the student is enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours). Repayment term is 10-25 years.	Repayment options vary from lender to lender. Some lenders will allow deferment while the student is enrolled.										
<b>Options for Denied Loans</b>	Not applicable.	If the parent applies for a PLUS loan and is denied, the student may be eligible for additional unsubsidized loan.	The student can apply with a different lender, re-apply with a cosigner, or find a different co-signer.										

\*For more information about Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans, please visit <https://studentaid.gov>