

## **Federal Direct PLUS Loan Option** **(for parents of dependent students only)**

1. A Federal Direct PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) loan may be an option for a parent to fill the gap between the financial aid awards and school costs for the student. It is only available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. A parent is the loan borrower (not the student) and must meet certain credit criteria. Parents may borrow up to the cost of attendance less any other financial aid the student is eligible for.
2. A parent can fill out the application on the website, <https://studentaid.gov>. Under the header “**Apply for Aid**” at the top of the page, click on “**Apply for a Parent PLUS Loan**”. Follow the instructions on the page to complete the application. Note: the parent will need to login using their FSA ID and password, not the student’s.
3. After the application is completed, and the parent elects to move forward with the process, the parent will be given the opportunity to complete the Direct PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN). The MPN will explain the terms and conditions of the PLUS loan and is required for the loan to be processed by the school.
4. The RSHS Financial Aid Office will be notified electronically in approx. 24-48 hours of the application result.
5. If the PLUS loan is denied for credit reasons, the parent will receive a denial notice. (Note: the MPN is NOT required if the PLUS loan is denied.) If this occurs, the dependent student may receive an additional Federal Unsubsidized Direct loan up to \$4,000 for the academic year if desired.
6. The student is required to stop by the Financial Aid Office to sign an updated Award letter as needed depending on the PLUS application results.

*If you have any questions, please contact Linda Ross in the Financial Aid Office at **484-628-0106** or email her at [linda.ross@towerhealth.org](mailto:linda.ross@towerhealth.org).*