

# Gap Financing Options for Parents



## Keystone Parent Loan & Federal Parent PLUS Loan Programs

Helping to pay for your student's college education is one of the greatest gifts you can give. Before you take out a parent loan, be sure you explore all of your options. Use this chart to help compare the Keystone Parent Loan with the federal parent PLUS loan.

	Keystone Parent Loan	Federal Parent PLUS Loan
Origination Fee	No Fees	4.228% <small>10/1/25-9/30/26</small>
Interest Rates	5-YEAR TERM 3.72%-10.49% (3.47%-10.45% APR <sup>1</sup> ) <small>Effective as of 6/5/25</small>	5-YEAR TERM Not Available
	10-YEAR TERM 5.82%-10.74% (5.56%-10.70% APR <sup>2</sup> ) <small>Effective as of 6/5/25</small>	10-YEAR TERM 8.94% (APRs not available) <small>7/1/25-6/30/26</small>
	15-YEAR TERM 6.32%-10.99% (6.06%-10.94% APR <sup>3</sup> ) <small>Effective as of 6/5/25</small>	15-YEAR TERM Not Available
Borrow up to Cost of Attendance <sup>4</sup>	✓	✓
Loans Disbursed to School	✓	✓
Repayment Options	Multiple	Multiple
Standard Repayment Terms	Your Choice 5, 10, or 15 Years <sup>5</sup>	10 Years
Available to Legal Guardians	✓	✗
No Pre-payment Penalty	✓	✓

Additional information about federal parent PLUS loan is available at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

Visit [KeystoneStudentLoans.org](https://KeystoneStudentLoans.org) to learn more.

**Remember...** Borrow only what you need and exhaust all other **free** or subsidized types of aid before using private education loans. For parents and guardians who want to help their student pay for college, Keystone Parent Loans can fill the gap between grants, scholarships, federal loans, and actual costs.

1) **Annual Percentage Rate (APR) Calculations:** The lowest APR is based on the following assumptions: A loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Immediate Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 60 months, monthly payments of \$181.78 a fixed periodic interest rate of 3.72%, and a total amount financed of \$10,906.99. The borrower in this sample qualified for a 0.25% Direct Debit benefit for the entirety of the repayment period.

The highest APR is based on the following assumptions: A loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Interest Only Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 60 months, monthly payments of \$87.42 for 46 months and monthly payments of \$214.89 for the remainder of the repayment term, a fixed periodic interest rate of 10.49% and a total amount financed of \$16,914.53. The borrower in this sample did not qualify for any interest rate discounts.

These APRs are estimates and may differ from the actual rates received.

2) **Annual Percentage Rate (APR) Calculations:** A loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Immediate Repayment Plan, monthly payments of \$108.87 for a period of 120 months, a fixed periodic interest rate of 5.82% and a total amount financed of \$13,064.82. The borrower in this sample qualified for a 0.25% Direct Debit benefit for the entirety of the repayment period.

The highest APR is based on the following assumptions: A loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Interest Only Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 120 months, monthly payments of \$89.50 for 46 months and monthly payments of \$136.28 for the remainder of the repayment term, a fixed periodic interest rate of 10.74% and a total amount financed of \$20,470.89. The borrower in this sample did not qualify for any interest rate discounts.

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3) **Annual Percentage Rate (APR) Calculations:** A loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Immediate Repayment Plan, monthly payments of \$84.76 for a period of 180 months, a fixed periodic interest rate of 6.32% and a total amount financed of \$15,257.58. The borrower in this sample qualified for a 0.25% Direct Debit benefit for the entirety of the repayment period.

The highest APR is based on the following assumptions: A loan of \$10,000 made in a single disbursement, a borrower who selected an Interest Only Repayment Plan and a repayment term of 180 months, monthly payments of \$91.58 for 46 months and monthly payments of \$113.60 for the remainder of the repayment term, a fixed periodic interest rate of 10.99% and a total amount financed of \$24,660.28. The borrower in this sample did not qualify for any interest rate discounts.

These APRs are estimates and may differ from the actual rates received.

4) Subject to aggregate loan limits.

5) **Repayment Terms:** (No interest rate discounts were applied to these examples.)

- A borrower of a \$10,000 loan who selects a **5-year (60 months)** repayment term may receive an APR between 3.71% and 10.45%, monthly principal and interest payments between \$182.90 and \$214.89, and a total amount repaid between \$10,974.26 and \$16,914.53.
- A borrower of a \$10,000 loan who selects a **10-year (120 months)** repayment term may receive an APR between 5.81% and 10.70%, monthly principal and interest payments between \$110.12 and \$136.28, and a total amount repaid between \$13,214.25 and \$20,470.89.
- A borrower of a \$10,000 loan who selects a **15-year (180 months)** repayment term may receive an APR between 6.30% and 10.94%, monthly principal and interest payments between \$86.12 and \$113.60, and a total amount repaid between \$15,502.37 and \$24,660.28.

Applicants are subject to credit qualifications, completion of an application and credit agreement, and verification of application information. PHEAA uses applicants FICO scores to determine eligibility and interest rates. Higher credit scores may mean an applicant is offered a lower interest rate.

**NOTE:** Subject to aggregate loan limits.

The Keystone Student Loan Program is a credit-based loan program.

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