

*Worksheet for Determining the Amount of the*  
**FEDERAL PARENTS LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (PLUS)**  
*Tusculum College*

The amount of the PLUS listed on the student's Award Letter is calculated, while taking into consideration the student's aid, to cover tuition, fees, room and board if the student is residing on campus in a standard residence hall, and Loan Fees for any Federal Stafford Loan.

This Worksheet is **for your use** in determining the amount you wish to borrow.

**Calculating the PLUS amount:**

1) The PLUS amount listed on the student's Award Letter = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Steps 2 - 4 are optional and may be added to the amount in Step one:**

2) If the student is staying in an apartment, add **\$1,050** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3) If you wish to borrow for books and supplies, add **up to \$955** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4) If you wish to borrow for Transportation and Miscellaneous Expenses, add **up to \$2400** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A) Total PLUS you may wish to borrow..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

B) Estimated Cost of Attendance: **\$25,272**  
 Subtract the **Total Financial Aid Award** amount found on the award letter: - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

C) Enter the **smaller** amount from line (A) or line (B) here..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Maximum PLUS**  
 Loan you may borrow.

**A 3% fee may be withheld from the PLUS amount by the lender.**

**What is the Interest Rate?** The interest rate is variable and can change annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, but will never exceed 9%. The current discounted interest rate is 5.10% (*see our preferred lender brochure for details*).

**When does the loan have to be repaid?** One half of the PLUS is sent to Tusculum College at the start of each semester for which you apply. Repayment begins within 60 days after the second disbursement is made. See the "Preferred Lenders" brochure for a sample monthly repayment amount. The PLUS must be repaid within 10 years.

**How to APPLY for a PLUS:**

- 1) Select a lender from the enclosed "Preferred Lenders" brochure and go to their website or call their toll free phone number. You will receive a **Pre-approval** for the PLUS.
- 2) Once you are pre-approved, you will receive a **PLUS Application and Master Promissory Note** from your lender. Complete it and return it to them.
- 3) Once the lender receives your forms, the PLUS funds are sent to Tusculum College and credited to the student's account at the beginning of each semester for which the loan is approved. Any account balance created by the PLUS will be sent to you, the parent. Other account balances will be given to the student.