2016-2017 Parent PLUS Loan and Graduate PLUS Loan Process
Available April 1, 2016

*Federal Direct PLUS Loans are a credit based loan available to parents of dependent undergraduate students or graduate professional students. The credit check on the PLUS Loan is valid for 180 days. Please submit the 2016-2017 PLUS application no earlier than April 1, 2016

TO APPLY FOR A PLUS LOAN FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Step 1: The student submits a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Step 2: The parent borrower or graduate student borrower must complete an online PLUS Loan Application. Go to studentloans.gov (Be sure to use the .gov extension and not .com)

Step 3: Log in on studentloans.gov

Step 4: To Log in, the Borrower will need:

- FSA ID Username or Email
- FSA ID Password

Links are available if you need to create an FSA ID or forgot the Username or Password

Step 5: Select Apply for a PLUS Loan from menu on the left or from the center of the page.

Step 6: Select the type of Direct PLUS Loan Request you would like to Preview or Complete

Step 7: Follow the steps to complete the application and credit check (credit check results valid for 180 days). In the School Name section, be sure to select:

School State: OHIO
School Name: Bowling Green State University
School Code/Branch: G03018
School Address: 1001 East Wooster Street
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Step 8: The results of your credit check will be available immediately. If your credit is approved, you will be given instructions for completing a PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note, if you have not already completed one. If your credit is not approved, you will have the option to (1) not pursue the loan*, (2) obtain an endorser, or (3) appeal the credit decision. If you chose option 2 or 3, the borrower will be required to complete a PLUS loan Entrance Counseling Session prior to disbursement of the loan.

*If the credit check is declined and the parent borrower wishes not to pursue the loan, the student is eligible for an additional unsubsidized loan funding. The student must contact Student Financial Aid to request the additional loan funds.

The Department of Education will send notification to BGSU once the Application and Master Promissory Notes have been completed and accepted. For further questions, please contact The Student Financial Aid Office at 419-372-2651.