

Follow these steps to apply for federal student aid:

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)). Include the Syracuse University school code: **002882**.

Sign the FAFSA electronically using your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. You can create an FSA ID on the [Federal Student Aid website](#), or when logging in to the FAFSA.

View your Financial Aid To-Do List on [MySlice](#), Syracuse University's online self-service system.

- To sign on to MySlice, first activate your SU Net ID. (If you have not yet activated your Net ID, you can do so now at the University's [Information Technology and Services site](#).)
- Your To Do List contains the required forms and documents to apply for and accept your [Federal Direct Student Loans](#).

If you wish to receive the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, complete Entrance Counseling and electronically sign the Loan Agreement Master Promissory Note (MPN) at [StudentAid.gov](#).

- Both the Entrance Counseling and MPN must be completed in order for funds to be disbursed to your student account at Syracuse University.
- If you have previously borrowed federal student loans, be sure to update your lender(s) with contact information and enrollment status (for loan deferment purposes). Log in on the [StudentAid.gov](#) homepage to review loan history and loan servicer details.
- Your [MySlice](#) Financial Aid To Do List will display other requirements for loan approval. If a Master Promissory Note and/or Entrance Counseling session is required, you'll find instructions on your To Do List.

Evaluate your need for additional funding such as the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan through the Department of Education, or private education loans through various lender of your choice.

Note: *The Direct Graduate PLUS Loan is credit-based. Please visit [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) for detailed information regarding PLUS loan credit requirements.*

- Prior to borrowing through the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan program, you may need to review your credit reports for potential issues. Contact any of the following credit bureaus for information: [Experian](#), [Equifax](#) or [TransUnion](#).
- The Graduate PLUS Loan credit decision expires within 180 days from applying. While you may apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS loan within six months of the start of your program, we recommend you wait until you have been admitted and have received your award letter for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Once you have made the decision to apply for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, complete the [Direct PLUS loan request](#).

- If approved for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, complete a separate Loan Agreement (MPN).
- If declined for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, you can re-apply with a co-signer (endorser) or appeal the denial through the Department of Education.

Other Important Information

- Check your [MySlice](#) To-Do List often.
- Keep your address and contact information updated on [MySlice](#) and with your lenders (for loan deferment purposes).
- Read more about financial aid on [Syracuse University's Financial Aid website](#).