

WEIGHING YOUR OPTIONS

As we approach the start of a new semester, use this guide to help you choose the college financing that's right for you.

Federal Parent PLUS Loan		Private Education Loans <i>(Student loans and parent loans)</i>	
Who is responsible for repaying?			
The parent <i>and endorser (if applicable)</i>		Student loan: The student <i>and a cosigner (if applicable)</i>	Parent loan: A creditworthy adult <i>(parent or other individual)</i>
Are there differences in eligibility?			
Requires at least half-time enrollment.		Varies by lender; some lenders allow less than half-time enrollment.	
What are the approval requirements?			
Parent or endorser must not have an adverse credit history.		Approval for a private loan is generally based on creditworthiness of the borrower and cosigner (if applicable).	
Are there differences in interest rates?			
FIXED Interest Rate 7.1% Academic Year 2019-20 PLUS loans		FIXED or VARIABLE Interest Rates Many lenders offer both fixed and variable interest rates. Rates vary based on creditworthiness.	
Are there disbursement fees?			
4.264% For loan disbursed on or after October 1, 2018 and before October 1, 2019.		0% Offered by most lenders, but can vary.	
How to apply			
Direct PLUS loan: https://studentloans.gov Use parent FSA ID to sign in and complete PLUS request process		Private Education Loan: www.elmselect.com Compare private loans and apply online.	
Nelnet Payment Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Go to www.lbc.edu Click on "Portal" (top left) and then "Student" Under "Bill Payment and Statement" select "Make an Online Payment – Nelnet Business Solutions" Create an Account with NBS and set up plan. 			
Additional financing resources			
There are other resources that families use to pay for college. It's helpful to weigh the pros and cons of these options before tapping into them. You may find the best choice is using one or more of these, such as payment plans, with a combination of affordable federal and private loans.			
LBC Tuition payment plan			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows families to spread out the payment of their semester tuition bill over the 5 months using household income. Can provide an interest-free funding option. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25 fee to enroll each semester Enroll in the LBC payment plan here: https://www.nbspayments.com/sig/nin/4JP8M 	
Home equity lines of credit			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy access if equity is available. May provide a tax benefit. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing costs may apply. Immediate repayment may be required if selling your home. 	
Long-term investments (mutual funds, stocks, bonds, etc.)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy access if available. Do not have to be paid back. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investments could be sold at a loss. Loss of future investment growth. 	

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- Questions about the LBC payment plan or PLUS/Private Education Loans?