Federal Direct GradPLUS Loans – loans taken out by graduate students

In order to borrow a Federal Direct GradPLUS loan, please follow the steps below:

1). <u>Apply for a Federal PIN#</u> (if you do not already have one). You can apply for a Federal PIN #

by visiting **www.pin.ed.gov**

2). <u>Apply for the Federal Direct GradPLUS Loan</u> (once your receive your Federal PIN #).

by visiting **www.studentloans.gov**

If using Internet Explorer (IE), please make sure to use version 6.0 or 7.0 as **version 8.0 is not compatible** with the www.studentloans.gov website.

If using Firefox, please make sure to use version 2.0 as **version 3.6 is not compatible** with the www.studentloans.gov website.

Log into the "Manage My Direct Loans" (located in the upper left hand corner)

Once you have logged in, click on the **<u>Start PLUS Application Process</u>**

Then, click on the **<u>Graduate PLUS</u>** icon

3). Complete your Federal Direct GradPLUS Loan MPN (Master Promissory Note)

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Log into the "Manage My Direct Loans" (located in the upper left hand corner)

Once you have logged in, click on the **<u>Complete Master Promissory Note</u>**

Then, click on the **Graduate PLUS** icon and follow the directions to complete your GradPLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN).

4). Complete your Entrance Counseling requirement*

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Log into the "Manage My Direct Loans" (located in the upper left hand corner)

Once you are logged in, click on **Complete Entrance Counseling**

Then, click on the **Complete Entrance Counseling** icon

In the Counseling Type Box, select **I am a graduate student** and then click on the **Continue** icon.

Follow the directions to complete your Federal Direct GradPLUS Loan Entrance Counseling.

*Attention prior year WPI Stafford Loan borrowers, because you completed entrance counseling in a prior year for your Federal Stafford Loan, you are not required to complete a new entrance counseling session for your 2010-2011 Direct Stafford Loan.