Parent PLUS Appeal 2025-26

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Student Financial Aid

Student Name	
Student WIN	
Daytime Phone	
Address, City, State, Zip	

Dependent students whose parents are unable to borrow a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan due to exceptional circumstances may receive additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds up to the same amount that is available to independent undergraduate students. If your parent is unable to borrow the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan due to one of the following exceptional circumstance, please describe the circumstance and return this form.

Parent Name:

Relationship to student: ◯ Father ◯ Mother ◯ Stepfather ◯ Stepmother

Indicate the exceptional circumstance by checking the box and provide requested documentation:

	Circumstance:	**Required Documentation:**
☐	Parent is incarcerated.	Proof of incarceration.
☐	Parent's whereabouts are unknown.	A letter verifying your situation from someone other than a relative or a friend (i.e. the parents of a friend of the student, a neighbor, an employer, etc.)
☐	Parent has filed for bankruptcy and has provided a letter from the bankruptcy court stating that as a condition of the bankruptcy filing, the parent may not incur any additional debt.	Letter from the attorney or court indicating that the borrower is restricted from incurring any additional debt as a condition of the bankruptcy filing.
☐	Parent's income is limited to public assistance or disability benefits.	Documentation of public assistance and/or disability benefits AND Parent Income/Expense Verification Worksheet, located at wmich.edu/finaid/forms.
☐	Parent has low income-to-debt ratio, high debt burden, or unusual circumstances that would prohibit monthly repayment of the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan.	Documentation of any unusual circumstances (if applicable). AND Parent income/Expense Verification Worksheet, located at wmich.edu/finaid/forms.
☐	Other parental circumstance (i.e. parent is not a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen).	

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Personal Statement: Please use the space below to provide further detail regarding your exceptional circumstances.

Additional Unsubsidized Loan Request:

☐ Upon approval of this appeal, I (the student) accept the maximum additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. My parent will not be pursuing a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan with an endorser.

I hereby certify that this information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature		Date	
Parent Signature		Date	

Please complete form online, print, and sign using blue or black ink. Return completed form to Bronco Express in the Student Financial Aid office, email, or mail to the address above. Please include the student's name and WIN on all pages to not delay the processing of financial aid.