MWU Loan and Federal Grad PLUS Loan Comparison

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|  | **Grad PLUS Loan** | **MWU Loan** |
| **Who’s the borrower?** | Student and cosigner (if needed) | Student and cosigner (if needed) |
| **Cosigner release option** | No. The student and any cosigner are making a commitment to repay the loan for the life of the loan. | Yes. The student can apply to release the cosigner after he or she graduates, makes 48 on- time payments and meets underwriting requirements. |
| **Credit requirements** | No adverse credit history (e.g. no prior default on a student loan) | Minimum credit score of 700. |
| **Interest rate** | * 8.05% for loans first disbursed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. * **Rate for loans disbursed subsequent to June 30, 2024 will be determined in May 2024.** | * 6.00% for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2024. * 5.25% for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2021, and prior to July 1, 2024 |
| **Origination/ disbursement fees** | * 4.228% for loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2020 | * No origination fees. |
| **Loan limits\*** | Up to 100% of the cost of attendance minus other financial aid received. | Up to 100% of the cost of attendance minus other financial aid received.1 |
| **Repayment period** | 10–25 years depending on eligibility2 | 10–15 years depending on eligibility2 |
| **Repayment plans** | PLUS loans for graduate students may be eligible for:   * Standard * Graduated * Income-based & Income-contingent * Extended repayment * Pay As You Earn, and REPAYE | There are three repayment options:   * Standard 10-year Repayment * Graduated 10-year Repayment * Extended 15-year Repayment Plan (only available to borrowers with a minimum of $30,000 in MWU Loans.) |
| **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Eligibility** | Yes, this loan qualifies. | Not available for this loan. |
| **Loan Repayment Example (Standard repayment over 120 months)** | **Disbursed prior to July 1, 2024:**  Loan Amount: $42,000  Interest Rate: 8.05%  Origination Fee: 4.228%  Monthly Payment: $535.47  Total of all Payments: $64,256 | **Disbursed prior to July 1, 2024:**  Loan Amount: $42,000  Interest Rate: 5.25%  Origination Fee: 0.0%  Monthly Payment: $486.11  Total of all Payments: $58,333  Estimated Savings: $5,922 |

1 Must first exhaust the annual maximum Direct Federal Unsubsidized Loan.

2 Subject to loan type, balance and degree program.