MAINE LOAN vs. PLUS LOAN

KEY DIFFERENCES

Loan Details	The Maine Loan	The Federal PLUS Loan
Eligibility	• Parent or credit worthy student with a satisfactory credit score, minimum income level, and debt-to-income ratio • Loan is in student's name	• Parent of dependent student with no adverse credit history • Loan is in parent's name only
Interest Rates	• 4.49% fixed[1], 5.49% fixed[2], or 6.49% fixed[3] depending on repayment option selected	• 7.08% fixed (as of 7/1/19)
Interest Rate Reduction	• 0.25% with automatic debit payments[4]	• 0.25% with automatic debit payments
Other Fees	• 0% guarantee fee	• 4.236% (10/1/19–9/30/20)
Loan Amounts	• Full cost of college minus financial aid • $1,000 minimum loan amount	• Full cost of college minus financial aid
Aggregate Limits	• None	• None
Repayment Terms	• Immediate Repayment — 10 years • Interest Only — 15 years • Full Deferment — 15 years	• Standard Repayment — 10 years • Graduated Repayment — up to 10 years • Extended Repayment — up to 25 years
Repayment Options	• Immediate Repayment — Begin regular payments of principal and interest within 51 days of disbursement. • Interest Only — Defer principal payments while enrolled at least half-time. Interest only payments are required. • Full Deferment — Defer principal and interest payments while enrolled at least half-time. Unpaid interest will be capitalized when loan enters repayment.	• Immediate Repayment — Payments of principal and interest begin within 60 days of disbursement. • Interest Only — Not available • Full Deferment — Defer principal and interest payments while enrolled at least half-time. Unpaid interest will be capitalized when loan enters repayment.
Grace Period	• 6 months	• 6 months (upon request)
Loan Forgiveness	• Not available	• Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

[1]The APR is 4.49%. The APR, or Annual Percentage Rate, is the effective interest rate when all interest charges are included. This APR is based on a fixed interest rate of 4.49%, a loan amount of $10,000, a repayment term of 120 months, and assuming immediate principal and interest payments. Terms are as of 6/1/2019.

[2]The APR is 5.49%. The APR, or Annual Percentage Rate, is the effective interest rate when all interest charges are included. This APR is based on a fixed interest rate of 5.49%, a loan amount of $10,000, and a repayment term of 180 months, and assuming interest only payments for 4 1/2 years. Terms are as of 6/1/2019.

[3]The APR is 6.17%. The APR, or Annual Percentage Rate, is the effective interest rate when all interest charges are included. This APR is based on a fixed interest rate of 6.49%, a loan amount of $10,000, and a repayment term of 180 months, and assuming deferment of principal and interest payments for 4 1/2 years. Terms are as of 6/1/2019.

[4]An interest rate reduction of 0.25% is available to borrowers. To qualify, borrowers need to arrange with the loan servicer to have their payments automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account. This interest rate reduction will remain on the account unless the loans are in a status, which does not require payments, or automatic deduction is revoked by the borrower or suspended by the loan servicer according to the insufficient funds policy in effect when the agreement is signed. Upon request, FAME will provide a projection of the percentage of borrowers who are likely to benefit from this interest rate reduction.

Note: The rates and terms disclosed above are available while funds last.