

2020 Texas Parent Loan Report

Each year, thousands of Texas parents take out federal Direct PLUS Parent Loans to help send their student to college. With a 5.30% interest rate and a 4.236% origination fee, the Direct PLUS Parent Loan may not be the best option for many Texas parents.

Average Financial Need

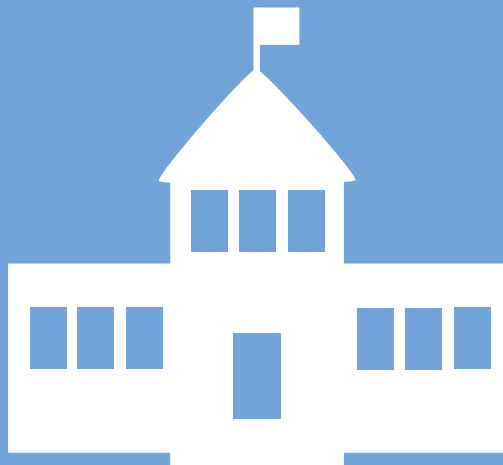
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Average financial need for Direct PLUS Parent Loan borrowers for students attending Texas public and private nonprofit schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

Direct PLUS Parent Loan Amount Needed to Meet Average Financial Need

\$13,534

Because of the 4.236% origination fee, with a Direct PLUS Parent Loan, Texas parents need to borrow \$550 more than they need, or \$13,534.



Brazos Parent Loan Amount Needed to Meet Average Financial Need

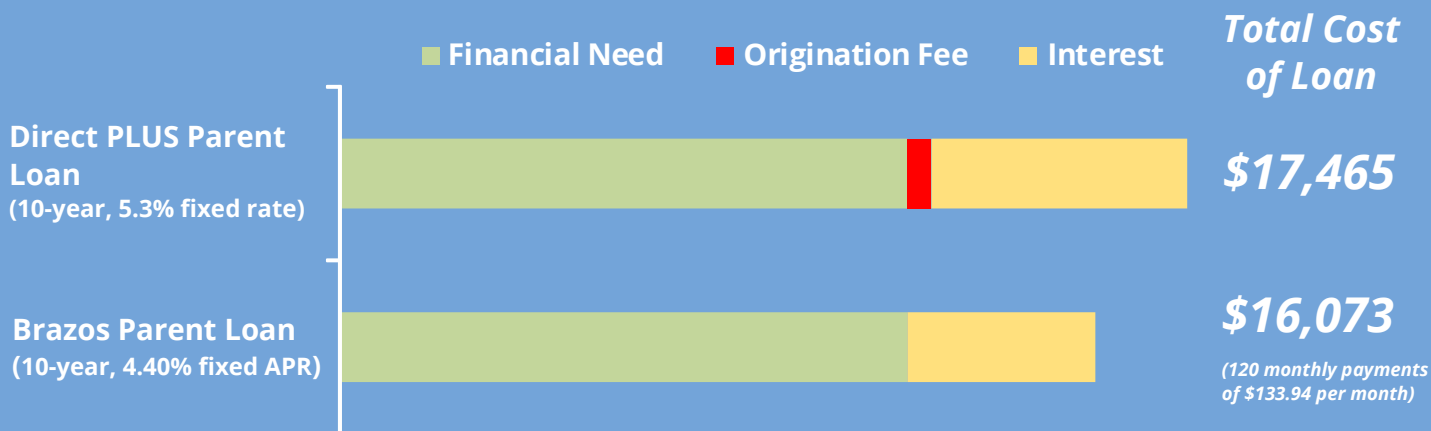
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Because there are no origination fees for taking out a Brazos Parent Loan, Texas parents borrow only the amount they need.

Texas parents could save:

\$1,392²

Based on the median Brazos Parent Loan rate and by skipping the origination fees, a qualified Texas parent could save \$1,392 over the life of the loan for a single school year.



For more information, comparisons and potential savings, visit <https://studentloans.com/parent-loans.html>.

¹ Average loan amount based on data published by the Department of Education for the 2018-2019 school year. See <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/data-center> for more information.

² Savings may vary. The interest rate available to a particular individual is dependent upon creditworthiness. Not all Texas parents will qualify for the median rate. To see what rate and savings you may qualify for visit our Parent Loan Calculator at <https://studentloans.com/parent-loan-calculator.html>. Savings amount calculated by comparing a 10-year, fixed rate Direct PLUS Parent Loan to a 10-year fixed rate Brazos Parent Loan. The median APR on a 10-year Brazos Parent Loan is 4.40%.

Brazos Education Lending Corporation is the lender for all Brazos Parent Loans.