

**Compare 2018-19 State of New Jersey NJCLASS vs. Federal PLUS**

NJCLASS cannot be compared to Federal Direct Loans, subsidized or unsubsidized, because borrowers must first take Federal Direct Loans prior to NJCLASS loans. Like the Federal Parent PLUS loan, the NJCLASS family loan is a supplemental loan that can only be used to cover unmet need after all other aid, including Federal Direct Loans, is subtracted from the cost of attendance. The chart below compares different features of NJCLASS Loans and Federal PLUS Loans.

Loan Type	NJCLASS 10 Year- Fixed Rate Loan Click to Apply	NJCLASS 15 Year- Fixed Rate Loan Click to Apply	NJCLASS 15 Year- Fixed Rate Loan Click to Apply	NJCLASS 20 Year- Fixed Rate Loan Click to Apply	Federal PLUS 10 Year-Fixed Rate Loan Click to Apply	Federal PLUS Loan 20 Year- Fixed Rate Loan Click to Apply
Who Can be a Party to the Loan	The student or parent is the borrower. A parent, relative or other US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen may co-sign the loan.	The student or parent is the borrower. A parent, relative or other US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen may co-sign the loan.	The student or parent is the borrower. A parent, relative or other US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen may co-sign the loan.	The student or parent is the borrower. A parent, relative or other US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen may co-sign the loan.	Parent Only	Parent Only
Repayment Option	Immediate repayment of principal & interest	Immediate repayment of principal & interest	Interest only while in school	Full deferment while in school	Immediate repayment of principal & interest (Other repayment options available)	Full deferment request
Loan Type	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed
Sample Loan Amount Requested – can borrow up to cost of attendance – minus other aid <sup>4</sup>	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Total Amount Borrowed (Including Fees)	\$16,480	\$16,480	\$16,480	\$16,480	\$16,682.24	\$16,682.24
Interest Rate/APR	4.79%/5.50%	5.60%/6.00%	5.60%/6.03%	7.20%/7.61%	7.60% <sup>2</sup> /8.55%	7.59% <sup>2</sup> /8.17%
Loan Fee	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	4.264% <sup>3</sup>	4.264% <sup>3</sup>
Years in Repayment	10 (120 months)	15 (180 months)	15 (180 months)	20 (240 months)	10 (120 months)	20 (240 months)
Payment while in School (Assuming One Loan Only) <sup>5</sup>	\$173.96	\$135.40	\$77.42	\$0.00	\$198.85	\$0.00
Payment when out of School (Assuming One Loan Only) <sup>5</sup>	\$173.96	\$135.40	\$164.85	\$187.03	\$198.85	\$195.66
Total finance charges & administrative fee (Assuming One Loan Only)	\$4,875	\$8,372	\$9,476	\$19,910	\$7,862	\$21,567
Total Cost of Loan	\$20,875	\$24,372	\$25,476	\$35,910	\$23,862	\$37,567
Estimated cost of borrowing over 4 years, at 16,000 per year, assuming that the interest rate is the same from year to year.	\$695.84 per month \$83,500 for life of loans	\$541.60 per month \$97,488 over life of loans	\$659.40 per month when out-of-college \$101,904 over life of loans	\$748.12 per month when out-of-college \$143,640 over life of loan	\$795.40 per month \$95,444 over life of loans	\$728.00 per month when out-of-school \$132,480 over life of loan
Repayment Relief Options Including Income Contingent Repayment Plans	<a href="https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJCLASSReliefOptions.aspx">Relief Options https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJCLASSReliefOptions.aspx</a>				<a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/deferment-forbearance">Deferment/Forbearance Options https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/deferment-forbearance</a>	
	<a href="https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/RAPandHIARPIInfo.aspx">Repayment Assistance Program (RAP) https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/RAPandHIARPIInfo.aspx for loan applications received on or after June 1, 2017, and for NJCLASS loan applications received prior to June 1, 2017 that are used for academic terms that begin on or after August 1, 2017. Once "RAP" Repayment Assistance program relief is exhausted; borrowers, co-borrowers and cosigners collectively can look to "HIARP" Household Income Affordable Repayment plan for additional relief for loan applications received on or after June 1, 2018 that are used for academic terms that begin on or after August 1, 2018. For more information click here.</a>				<a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/understand/plans">Federal Repayment Plans https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/understand/plans</a>	
Average Default Rate	6.85% <sup>6</sup>				<a href="http://www.nasfaa.org/news-item/1359/ED_Releases_Cohort_Default_Rate_Data_For_PLUS_Loans">http://www.nasfaa.org/news-item/1359/ED_Releases_Cohort_Default_Rate_Data_For_PLUS_Loans</a>	
Average # of Administrative Wage Garnishments	For FY 2017, 132 AWG orders were sent to employers.				Data Not Available	
Percent of Deferment and Forbearance Relief Granted	Data being collected for 2019				Data Not Available	

Rehabilitation Relief	Not currently available	Yes - If no legal judgement was issued/granted
Average # of Law Collection Lawsuits	Data being collected for 2019	Data Not Available

<sup>2</sup> For Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018, and before June 30, 2019, the interest rate is 7.60%

<sup>3</sup> For loans disbursed on or after October 1, 2018 and before October 1, 2019

<sup>4</sup> The average NJCLASS loan amount is \$16,000. To see the monthly payment amount and total amount for other loan amounts at sample interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 17.50% see the Student Loan Guide [http://www.hesaa.org/Documents/Student\\_Loan\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.hesaa.org/Documents/Student_Loan_Guide.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> To calculate the in-school and out-of-school payment amounts for other NJCLASS loan amounts see the NJCLASS loan calculator <https://www.hesaa.org/oNJCLASS/jsp/world/amortizationCalculator.jsp>

<sup>6</sup> The average default rate is determined as the percentage of loans that have been placed in a defaulted status, divided by the original total amount of loans disbursed for currently outstanding trusts.