Dependent students whose parents are unable to borrow a Direct PLUS Loan due to adverse credit or other exceptional circumstances may receive additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds up to the same amount that is available to independent undergraduate students. Freshmen and sophomores are eligible for up to an additional $4,000; while juniors and seniors are eligible for up to an additional $5,000 per year.

To request the additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds, please check one of the following options and provide any relevant documentation:

- My parents have been denied through the Federal PLUS Loan (no additional documentation required)
- My parents have one or more of the following exceptional circumstances that will prevent them from borrowing a Direct PLUS Loan. Please check all that apply and attach requested documentation.
  - My parent(s) are incarcerated or their whereabouts are unknown (Attach signed, detailed statement).
  - My parent(s) may not incur additional debt, as a condition of a bankruptcy filing (Attach copy of bankruptcy filing).
  - My parent(s)’ income is limited to public assistance or disability benefits and would be unable to repay a Direct PLUS Loan (Attach signed, detailed statement listing all sources of parent income).
  - My parent(s) are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents (Attached signed, detailed statement).
  - My parent(s) cannot borrow a Direct PLUS Loan due to having a Direct Loan, FFEL Loan, or Perkins Loan in default (Attach default letter or an NSLDS record).
  - My parent(s) will be unable to repay a Direct PLUS Loan due to other exceptional financial circumstances (Attach signed, detailed statement along with documentation of circumstances).

**Certification Statement:**

All of the information provided by me or any other person on this form and its attachments is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide additional proof of the information I have provided on this form. Proof may include court documents, cancelled checks, credit reports, etc. Failure to provide the requested information will result in this appeal being denied.

Student Signature    Date

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