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Understanding Cosigning Loans

You don't need a cosigner to apply for an Abe® private student loan, but having one could help increase your chances of approval and even qualify you for a better rate.

Cosigner Basics

What is a cosigner?

- A cosigner is an individual with a positive, established credit history and stable income who agrees to share responsibility for a loan with the student borrower.
- A cosigner provides an assurance to lenders that the loan will get repaid in full and on time, should the student become unable or unwilling to make payments.
- The role of a cosigner is to help secure the loan, and provide a safety net for the student borrower while they make payments on their own.

Who can be my cosigner?

- While most cosigners are typically the student's parents or grandparents, just about any guardian, mentor, or extended family member like an aunt or uncle can be a cosigner on an Abe loan.[1]

Are cosigners needed for all loan types?

- Private student loans use cosigners because they are awarded on a basis of creditworthiness.
- Creditworthiness is a lender's measure of how likely a borrower is to repay a loan on time.
- Federal student loans, provided and funded by the federal government, do not require a cosigner.

Tips For Both Sides of the Cosigner Relationship

Make every payment on time, every time. This protects your cosigner's credit and builds your own credit history simultaneously.

Look into cosigner release programs, like Abe's Early Cosigner Release.[2]

Communicate openly with your cosigner if you're struggling financially. Tell your cosigner before you miss a payment.

More Independence for Students

Early Cosigner Release[2]

- Once students are financially able to handle their loan on their own, the cosigner can be released upon request.

1. The student must be the legal age of majority at the time of application, or at least 17 years of age if applying with a cosigner who meets the age of majority requirements in the cosigner's state of residence. The legal age of majority is 18 years of age in every state except Nebraska (19 years old, only for wards of the state), and Puerto Rico (21 years old). Private student loans funded by DR Bank are available to applicants in all 50 states who are U.S. citizens, permanent resident aliens, Eligible Non-Citizens (DACA recipients), or international students. Eligible Non-Citizens (DACA recipients) and international students must apply with an eligible cosigner who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien.

2. The student borrower must meet certain credit and other criteria, and 12 consecutive monthly principal and interest payments or lump sum payments equal to 12 monthly principal and interest payments must have been received by the Servicer during any 12-month period. While a loan is in a reduced repayment plan or while a request for a reduced payment plan is pending, borrowers are not eligible to apply for cosigner release.

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To cosign? Or not cosign? That is the question.

Are there risks with being a cosigner?

- Cosigned loans are listed on both the student's and the cosigner's credit reports
- If a student defaults on their payments, their cosigner is equally responsible for the loan - good or bad payment history will positively or negatively impact both the student's and the cosigner's credit scores.

A cosigner with a good credit history may get a better rate.

- One factor lenders use for calculating the rate on a loan is credit history. A cosigner with a good FICO score may help students get a lower rate.

How do I know if I need a cosigner?

- Most college students need a cosigner, since recent high school grads typically lack the credit history and income private lenders require.
- Whether or not a cosigner is required is up to the lender, but adding one can improve the borrower's rate even if they qualify on their own.
- Prequalification allows borrowers to quickly find their rate in just minutes with no impact on your credit score.[3] Adding a cosigner can increase your chances of approval or of obtaining a lower rate.

A cosigner significantly increases your approval chances.

Before applying for a private student loan, DR Bank and Monogram LLC recommend exhausting all financial aid alternatives including grants, scholarships, and federal student loans.

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3. In order to estimate your available rates and loan options, with your authorization, DR Bank will initiate a soft credit inquiry. Soft credit inquiries do not affect your credit. Any rates and loan options offered to you are estimates only.