



# Student Loan Repayment Webinar

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# Locating Your Loans - NSLDS

## NSLDS

- [nslds.ed.gov](https://nslds.ed.gov)
- You will need to know your FSA ID.
- FSA ID can be retrieved on the NSLDS website or at FSAID.ed.gov
- Access Federal Student loan information, including servicer

## Private Loans

- Contact your private loan lender
- If you do not know it contact Student Financial Services at SAIC

Once you've identified your loan servicer(s), create a login at their website to assist in managing and reviewing your loan status on a regular basis.

# Student Loan Refinancing and Debt-Relief



- Avoid Scams - See [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams)
- Educate Yourself – Dept. of Education You Tube Videos
- Be Careful of Outside Companies
- Paying Fees to Refinance – Watch Out for Exuberant Fees!
- Research Each Company Carefully

# Repayment Options



- Standard repayment
- Graduated repayment
- Extended repayment
- Income-based repayment
- Pay As You Earn
- Consolidation
- REPAYE



- Repayment plan for all loans unless you request a different plan—minimum monthly payment is \$50.
- Repayment term can take up to 10 years.
- Principal balance and interest is divided into 120 equal payments.
- Results in the least amount of interest accrued.

Repayment Plan	Repayment Period	Monthly Payment	Projected Loan Forgiveness	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Paid
Standard	120 months	\$575	\$0	\$19,048	\$69,048

**\* The above example assumes \$50,000 in student debt @ 6.8% interest rate**



# Graduated Repayment

- Lowers your payments for a period of time without extending your repayment period.
- Payments as low as interest only for up to 4 years—\$30 or the monthly accrued interest is the minimum monthly payment during this time.
- Payments gradually increase so loan is paid in 10 years; loan holder may extend the repayment term up to 4 additional years with a reduced payment forbearance.
- Your payments increase over years and may increase the total amount of interest paid.

Repayment Plan	Repayment Period	Monthly Payment	Projected Loan Forgiveness	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Paid
Graduated	120 months	\$332 to \$996	\$0	\$24,300	\$74,300

**\* The above example assumes \$50,000 in student debt @ 6.8% interest rate**



# Extended Repayment/Graduated Repayment

- Available to borrowers with more than \$30,000 in student loan debt.
- Repayment term is up to 25 years.
- Payments are either **fixed or graduated**—with a minimum monthly payment of \$50.
- May increase the total amount of interest paid.

Repayment Plan	Repayment Period	Monthly Payment	Projected Loan Forgiveness	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Paid
Extended Fixed	300 months	\$347	\$0	\$54,111	\$104,111

\* The above example assumes \$50,000 in student debt @ 6.8% interest rate



# Income-Based Repayment (IBR)

- Monthly payments are based on how much you earn. This allows for less chance of breaking your bank account.
- Monthly payment amounts can change annually based on financial changes.
- Repayment term is up to 25 years—outstanding balance after 25 years of payments will be forgiven but may be taxable (unless you are a first time borrower after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014).
- **To initially qualify for IBR and to continue making income-based payments under this plan, you must have a partial financial hardship.**

Repayment Plan	Repayment Period	Monthly Payment	Projected Loan Forgiveness	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Paid
Income-Based Repayment	202 months	\$281 to \$575	\$0	\$40,813	\$90, 813

*\* Assumes \$50,000 in student debt @ 6.8% interest rate, an AGI of \$40K, Household size of 1, Living in MA. It also assumes a 5% salary increase and 3.3. % poverty line increase YOY.*



# Pay As You Earn

- Monthly payments are capped at no more than 10 percent of your discretionary income with no minimum monthly payment amount.
- Monthly payment amounts can change annually based on financial changes.
- Repayment term is up to 20 years—outstanding balance after 20 years of payments will be forgiven, but may be taxable.
- To initially qualify for Pay As You Earn and to continue making income-based payments under this plan, you must have a partial financial hardship.

Repayment Plan	Repayment Period	Monthly Payment	Projected Loan Forgiveness	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Paid
Pay As You Earn	240 months	\$187 to \$572	\$30,833	\$64,598	\$83,765



*\* Assumes \$50,000 in student debt @ 6.8% interest rate, an AGI of \$40K, Household size of 1, Living in MA. It also assumes a 5% salary increase and 3.3. % poverty line increase YOY.*

- One or more federal student loans combined into one new loan.
- Fixed interest rate for the life of the loan.
- Rate is based on the weighted average of the interest rates on the loans being consolidated, rounded up to the nearest one-eighth of 1%.
- Repayment term can be extended to up to 30 years based on total education debt.
- Repayment schedule is the standard plan but can be changed to extended or graduated plan.
- Offers many pros and cons—research all your options before committing.
- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is the only lender of a Consolidation loan.

- All Direct Loan (DL) Stafford and Grad PLUS loan borrowers are eligible for REPAYE regardless of when they borrowed their loans. (FFELP borrowers can consolidate into DL to apply.)
- Borrowers do not need to have a [partial financial hardship](#) to be eligible.
- Borrowers must provide their spouse's income when applying, whether the couple files their federal tax returns jointly or separately. The only exception to this is when a couple is legally separated or the [borrower](#) cannot reasonably access the spouse's income information. (Spouses cannot be included in the family size if the spouse's income is not provided.)
- Monthly payments are capped at 10% of the borrower's [discretionary income](#), which is the adjusted [gross income](#) (AGI) minus 150% of the state poverty guideline for the family. Payments can be [as low as \\$0 per month](#).
- For borrowers who only borrowed undergraduate loans, the remaining balance at the end of 20 years and 240 eligible payments will be forgiven but would be taxable—if the loan hasn't been paid off by that time.
- For borrowers who borrowed any loans for graduate study, the remaining balance at the end of 25 years and 300 eligible payments will be forgiven but would be taxable—if the loan hasn't been paid off by that time.
- Your remaining balance may be forgiven after 10 years if you work for a public service or nonprofit employer, and this amount wouldn't be taxable.

# Loan Forgiveness Options





- Incentive program to encourage individuals to enter and continue work in public service jobs
- Under the program, you may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on your DLs after 120 qualifying payments while employed in PS sector.
- Borrower Specific Requirements:
  - Must not be in default on the loans which are to be forgiven
  - Must be employed full time by public service organization (which, for PSLF is an annual average of 30 hours/week)
    - When each of the 120 qualifying loan payments are made
    - At the time you apply for loan forgiveness
    - At the time the remaining balance on your eligible loans are forgiven
- Qualifying Loan Repayment Plans:
  - IBR, Pay as Your Earn, ICR
  - 10-year standard repayment
  - Any other DL repayment plan, but only payments that are at least equal to the monthly payment amount that would have been required under the 10-Year Standard repayment plan (which is typically the highest)

- Teacher Loan Forgiveness
- Peace Corps
- AmeriCorps
- Ask your employer!

## Deferment

- Suspension of payment for a period of time.
- Interest is paid on subsidized portion of loans.
  - In-school (half-time+)
  - Military
  - Unemployment
  - Economic hardship

## Forbearance

- Suspension or reduction of payment for a period of time.
- Interest accrues on both subsidized and unsubsidized loans.
  - Illness
  - Economic hardship
  - Disaster

- If you cannot make a student loan payment on time or do not make several payments, you could end up in serious trouble.
- Not making payments on your student loan leads to delinquency and sometimes ends in default.
- If you're not able to make your payments, get help—contact your loan servicer immediately and ask about repayment alternatives.

# Financial Avenue – Free Loan Counseling Service



The screenshot shows the main navigation menu on the left, including 'HELP' (with 'Course Instructions' below it) and 'COURSES' (listing Psychology of Money, Foundations of Money, Foundations of Money - Español, College and Money, FAFSA, FAFSA - Español, Loan Guidance, Earning Money, Credit and Protecting Your Money, Spending and Borrowing, Debt and Repayment, and Future of Your Money). The main content area features a 'GET KNOWLEDGEABLE!' section with text about course readiness and a 'Course Instructions' button, alongside an owl wearing a blue 'U' cap and a red jacket. The footer includes copyright information for Financial Avenue 2019 and links for Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy, and Accessibility.

This screenshot displays the 'TOOLS AND TIPS' section. On the left is a vertical menu with dropdown arrows for: Psychology of Money, Foundations of Money, Foundations of Money - Español, College and Money, FAFSA, FAFSA - Español, Loan Guidance, Earning Money, Credit and Protecting Your Money, Spending and Borrowing, Debt and Repayment, Future of Your Money, and General Resources. The main content area has a title 'TOOLS AND TIPS' followed by two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph asks 'What about taking what you've just learned and turning it into action?' and the second paragraph says 'Here, you will find the resources you need to take action based on the courses you've completed.' To the right is an owl wearing a green helmet with goggles and a gold coin necklace. The footer contains copyright information for Financial Avenue 2019, social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and the Inceptia logo.



# Loan Servicers and Helpful Sites



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	<a href="#">CornerStone</a>	1-800-663-1662
	<a href="#">ESA/Edfinancial</a>	1-855-337-6884
	<a href="#">FedLoan Servicing (PHEAA)</a>	1-800-699-2908
	<a href="#">Granite State – GSMR</a>	1-888-556-0022
	<a href="#">Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc.</a>	1-800-236-4300
	<a href="#">MOHELA</a>	1-888-866-4352
	<a href="#">Navient</a>	1-800-722-1300
	<a href="#">Nelnet</a>	1-888-486-4722
	<a href="#">OSLA Servicing</a>	1-866-264-9762
	<a href="#">VSAC Federal Loans</a>	1-888-932-5626



- [saic.edu/studentloanrepayment](http://saic.edu/studentloanrepayment)
- [studentaid.ed.gov/repay](http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay)
- [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov)
- [isac.org/students/after-college/forgiveness-programs](http://isac.org/students/after-college/forgiveness-programs)
- [direct.ed.gov/inrepayment.html](http://direct.ed.gov/inrepayment.html)
- [finaid.org/loans](http://finaid.org/loans)

Online Question & Answer Chat  
until 1pm

## Telephone Contact Info

Loan Consolidation Information Call Center  
SAIC Student Financial Services

(800) 557-7392  
(312) 629-6600

