Student Loan Exit Counseling

Graduate/Professional

Northwestern
School of Education & Social Policy
McCormick School of Engineering
Kellogg School of Management
Bienen School of Music
School of Professional Studies
School of Communication
Medill School of Journalism
The Graduate School

Northwestern
To successfully manage loan repayment ...

• Understand the basic terms and conditions of your loans.
• Know how much you have to repay, when and to whom.
• Define your short/long-term financial goals.
• Develop a spending plan (budget) to achieve those goals.
• Select the loan repayment plan that best fits your budget.
• Take advantage of the loan forgiveness programs for which you may qualify.
• Keep good financial records.

ASK QUESTIONS!
### Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan

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**Total Student Loans**: 25,333

**Total Parent Loans**: 0

### Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

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**Total Student Loans**: 33,500

**Total Parent Loans**: 0

**Grand Total Student Loans**: 58,833

**Grand Total Parent Loans**: 0

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**External Links**

- [National Student Loan Data System](https://www.mappingyourfuture.org/paying/standardcalculator.cfm)
- [FA Office Contact Information](http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/sla.jsp)
- [FinAid.org](http://www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml)
Monitor your Federal Student Loans

Retrieve Your Loan Information

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education’s (ED’s) central database for student aid. NSLDS receives data from schools, guaranty agencies, the Direct Loan program, and other Department of ED programs. NSLDS Student Access provides a centralized, integrated view of Title IV loans and grants so that recipients of Title IV Aid can access and inquire about their Title IV loans and/or grant data.

- View your federal loans, grants, and aid overpayments.
- View your current enrollment, or let NSLDS know about future enrollment.
- View the status of your loans that are subject to subsidized usage limits.
- View or add your contact information.
- Complete exit counseling for your TEACH grant.
- Authorize a loan servicer to view your information on the NSLDS Professional Access site.
- Find definitions of the terms used on this site.
- View answers to common questions about this website and your financial aid.
- Learn how to contact us.

MyStudentData Download
## National Student Loan Data System

### Loans

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### Servicer/Lender/Guaranty Agency/ED Servicer Information

- **Current ED Servicer:** DEPT OF ED LF LOAN SERVICING (PHEAA)
  - PO BOX 532010
  - ATLANTA GA 303530210
  - 800-690-2908
  - accountinfo@myfedloan.org
  - http://www.myfedloan.org

- **FOIA** | **Privacy** | **Security** | **Notices** | **WhiteHouse.gov** | **USA.gov** | **ED.gov**
Direct Loan Servicers

- NAVIENT
- fedloan
- Nelnet
- Granite State Management & Resources (GSM&R)
- MOHELA®
- CornerStone®
- GREAT LAKES
- OSLA
- EdFinancial Services
NU Student Loan Office

For students with Federal Perkins Loans:

Northwestern University
Student Loan Office
555 Clark Street, 3rd Floor
Evanston, IL 60208
847-491-3125
studentloans@northwestern.edu
Servicer for Federal Perkins Loan

Complete the personal data sheet.

Personal references: friends or relatives living at separate addresses in the U.S.A.

Parent or nearest relative (other than your spouse)

If you do not have all the necessary information to complete the form, send it by email to: studentloans@northwestern.edu

Sign & date one copy of the Perkins repayment schedule. (Keep the other copy for your records.)

Please turn in the completed forms before you leave.

Login

Forgotten your password? Forgotten your user name?

First time users: Click here to register.

Pay my loan
AutoDraft
View my accounts
Update my profile
Borrower services
Products and services
Downloadable forms
Information center

E-Bill / E-Corr
The Paperless Way
Click Here & Learn More

mycampusloan.com
Manage your education loans from anywhere!

A $0.99 convenience fee will be assessed on online payments paid from a checking or savings account. You may sign up for AutoDraft on our website to make payments without incurring a convenience fee.
Federal Perkins Loans

Fixed interest rate of 5%
Interest free until repayment begins
9 month grace period ends **March 2018**
   6 month post-deferment grace period
10 year standard repayment term
Lender/Loan holder: NU Student Loan Office
Loan Servicer: Campus Partners
Perkins loans may receive full or partial cancellation depending on service or employment:

- Teaching in certain school districts
- Special education, Speech & Language Pathology, Family Services, Head Start
- Full time teacher of math, science, foreign language and bilingual education
- Nurse or Medical Technician, Health Care Provider
- Vista, Peace Corps, Teach for America
- Fire fighter, law enforcement, corrections officer
In your envelope…

Sign & date one copy of the Perkins repayment schedule. (Keep one copy for your records.)

Complete the personal data sheet.
  – Personal references: friends or relatives living at separate addresses in the U.S.A.
  – Parent or nearest relative (other than your spouse)

Please turn in the completed forms before you leave.

If you do not have all the necessary information to complete the form, you can send it later by email to:

studentloans@northwestern.edu
Federal Direct Loans

- Subsidized/Unsubsidized (Stafford) have a 6 month grace period.
- GradPLUS have a 6 month post-enrollment deferment.
- Have fixed interest rates.
  - Subsidized/Unsubsidized (Stafford)
    - 2014-2015 = 6.21%
    - 2015-2016 = 5.84%
    - 2016-2017 = 5.31%
  - GradPLUS
    - 2014-2015 = 7.21%
    - 2015-2016 = 6.84%
    - 2016-2017 = 6.31%
- Have been accruing interest since the date the funds disbursed.
- Unpaid interest will be capitalized when repayment begins.
- Offer multiple repayment plans (including income-driven) that can be changed by contacting your loan servicer.
Federal Direct Consolidation Loan

A Federal Direct Consolidation Loan allows you to:

• Combine all your Federal Stafford, Grad PLUS and Perkins loans into one new loan with a single payment
• Fix the interest rate; weighted average rounded to nearest 1/8 of a percent
• Lengthen the repayment term up to 30 years reducing your monthly payment
• Take advantage of certain repayment plans
• Qualify your loans for Public Service Loan Forgiveness
• Release your GradPLUS Loan cosigner

Cautions:
• Repayment begins immediately.
• Unpaid interest is capitalized.
• Perkins cancellation benefits are lost.

Apply at studentloans.gov
Cancellation/Forgiveness

All federal student loans and most private student loans may be discharged in cases of death or disability.

Federal Perkins loans are eligible for full or partial cancellations depending on employment or service.

Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized (Stafford) and Federal Consolidation Loans may be eligible for partial forgiveness for service in areas of national need.

If you think you are eligible for loan cancellation or forgiveness:
- Contact your loan servicer(s).
- Continue making payments until you receive written notification from each of your loan servicers that your loan has been cancelled.
- If only a portion of your loan was cancelled, update your records with your new balance after verifying the information with your loan servicers.
Public Service Loan Forgiveness (Direct Loans only)

- Must work full-time (30 hours per week) for:
  - Federal, state or local government
  - Public schools and colleges
  - Non-profit, tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations
  - Military service

- After making 120 qualifying loan payments after October 1, 2007, your entire loan balance (principal & interest) may be forgiven.
  - Direct Loan payment
  - Qualifying repayment plan
  - Full regular monthly payment
  - On-time payments
Public Service Loan Forgiveness
(Direct Loans only)

• Qualifying loans (cannot be in default):
  – Federal Direct Subsidized Loans
  – Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
  – Federal Direct GradPLUS Loans
  – Federal Direct Consolidation Loans

• Qualifying repayment plans:
  – 10 year standard
  – Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)
  – Pay As You Earn (PAYE)
  – Income-Based (IBR)
  – Income-Contingent (ICR)
Public Service Loan Forgiveness
(Direct Loans only)

• Employment does not have to be continuous.
• Payments do not have to be consecutive.
• You must maintain your employment qualification:
  – While making each of the required 120 loan payments
  – At the time you apply for loan forgiveness
  – When the loans are actually forgiven
• Employment certification form
  – Download from studentaid.ed.gov
  – Submit annually to FedLoan Servicing (PHEAA)
When does repayment start?

Repayment begins at the end of the grace period or immediately if there is no grace period.

Federal Perkins Loans:
- 9 month grace period – *March 10, 2018*
- 6 month post-deferment grace period on prior Perkins

Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized (Stafford) Loans:
- 6 month grace period – *December 10, 2017*
- No post-deferment grace period on prior Stafford loans

Federal GradPLUS Loans:
- 6 month post-enrollment deferment – *December 10, 2017*

Federal Consolidation Loans:
- no grace period

IMPORTANT: Unpaid interest is capitalized when repayment begins.
Defining your Goals (the BIG picture)

Short Term:
- Buying a car?
- Getting married?
- Moving expenses?

Long Term:
- Starting a family?
- Buying a house?
- Retirement?
Developing a Spending Plan to Achieve your Goals

**Calculate** monthly earnings and other available financial resources
- Use online tools (mint.com)

**Estimate** monthly expenses
- Include monthly student loan payment
- Include investment/savings contributions

**Do the math** - is there a surplus or a deficit?
- If there is a surplus, more can be allocated to debt repayment, to investment/savings and/or to lifestyle.
- If a deficit occurs, then what?
Eliminating a Budget Deficit

Reduce spending on your lifestyle
Reduce your investment/savings contributions
May make it more difficult to achieve your financial goals
Reduce amount you pay each month on student loans by choosing a different repayment plan
Traditional Repayment Plans

• **Standard Repayment**
  - Fixed payments for 10 years
  - Highest initial payment
  - Lowest total interest
  - Qualifying plan for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

• **Graduated Repayment**
  - Tiered payments for 10 years
  - Payments increase incrementally

• **Extended Repayment**
  - Payments may be fixed or tiered
  - Payment term up to 25 years
  - Must have more than $30,000 in Direct Loan debt and/or $30,000 in FFEL debt
  - No outstanding loan balance prior to 10/7/1998
Income-Driven Repayment Plans

- **Income Contingent Repayment (ICR)**
  - Direct Loans only

- **Pay As You Earn (PAYE)**
  - Direct Loans Only
  - For new borrowers on/after 10/1/2007
  - Must have received a Direct Loan disbursement on/after 10/1/2011

- **Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)**
  - Direct Loans Only

- **Income-Based Repayment (IBR)**
  - The only income-driven plan available for FFEL Loans

- **New IBR**
  - For new borrowers on/after 7/1/2014
# Income-Driven Repayment Plans

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Comparing Payment Plans
Direct Unsubsidized (Stafford) & GradPLUS Loans

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Assumptions: Loan Debt = $100,000; average interest rate = 6.6%
Single household; AGI = $50,000 (5% annual increases)
Balancing Trade-offs

You may choose to pay off debt …

• as fast as possible
  – least amount of interest

• more slowly
  – to afford a more comfortable lifestyle
  – to maximize ability to save and/or invest for the future

***NO PENALTY FOR PREPAYMENTS***
Typical Debt Portfolio
Managing Cash Flow to Repay Debt

- Federal Perkins Loan debt @ 5%
- Federal Subsidized /Unsubsidized (Stafford) Loan debt @ 5.31% to 6.8%
- Federal GradPLUS Loan debt @ 6.31% to 8.5%
- Credit card debt @ 15.9%
- Other debt @ 9%
- Total Cash Flow @ 15.9%
Postponing Repayment

Deferment

In-school – no time limit - must be enrolled at least half-time
Economic Hardship – up to 36 months
Unemployment – up to 36 months
Military – no time limit

Subsidized Direct (Stafford) and Perkins loans do not accrue interest during periods of deferment.

Forbearance

All loans accrue interest during periods of forbearance.

Unpaid interest is capitalized at the end of the deferment/forbearance.

Contact your loan servicer to submit required documentation.
Deferment/forbearance do not affect your credit rating.
Consequences of loan default

- Your academic records will be placed on hold.
- You may be liable for all collection costs.
- You may be subject to administrative wage garnishment.
- You may be sued with court costs and legal fees added to your loan balance.
- Your income tax refund may be withheld.
- Your credit rating and ability to borrow will be seriously damaged.
- You may lose future eligibility for financial aid and student loans.
- Your professional license could be denied or revoked.
- You may be denied certain types of employment.
Your Credit

All of your federal loans are reported to at least one credit bureau.

Factors reported:
- Timeliness of your payments
- Missed payments
- Outstanding balance

Your credit score will affect your ability to obtain credit.

Free annual credit reports available at:
www.annualcreditreport.com
Rights/Responsibilities

Review your promissory notes for a complete list of all your rights and responsibilities.

Keep In Touch with your Lenders/Servicers.
• Notify all your servicers of name and address changes.
• Make payments even if a billing statement is not received.
• Be proactive! Contact your servicer before you miss a payment.
• Beware of student loan assistance agencies that charge fees.
• Do not give your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to any agency!

Student loans must be repaid whether you:
• were satisfied with your educational experience
• completed your program
• obtained employment
FSA Ombudsman

The FSA Ombudsman is an impartial, confidential resource after other avenues are exhausted to resolve borrower concerns.

Self-Resolution Checklist

To request mediation regarding federal student loan issues, follow the directions at:

studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/disputes
The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997

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- IRS Form 1098E will be issued by your lender/servicer(s) for eligible interest payments of $600 or more in any calendar year.
- Voluntary payments may be eligible.
- Capitalized interest may be included.
- Deduction may not exceed $2,500 per year.

www.irs.gov/publications/p970
Find out your student loan repayment options here ➤

- Complete a Consolidation Loan Application and Promissory Note
- Use the Repayment Estimator
- Apply for an Income-Driven Repayment Plan
- Co-sign Spouse’s Income-Driven Repayment Plan Request
- Access Repayment Forms
Here's your guide to repaying your federal student loans.

Find the right repayment plan for you, learn how to make payments, get help if you can't afford your payments, and see what circumstances might result in a loan being forgiven, canceled, or discharged.

Understanding how to repay your federal student loans can save you a lot of time and money. We're here to help you manage repayment and answer any questions you have along the way.

Ready to make a payment but not sure how? Find out where to start.

Finding the Right Repayment Plan for You

There are several repayment plans available, providing the flexibility you need. Here are some things you should know:
Looking Ahead

- Compare your loan amounts in CAESAR with the amounts on NSLDS, the National database.
- Check your credit reports for errors.
- Create a folder for all your loan documents (preferably online).
- Update your address on your loan servicer(s) website(s).
- Develop an affordable spending plan.
- When you receive notice from your loan servicer(s) that your loans will be going into repayment in the near future:
  - Contact your loan servicer(s) to select a repayment plan.
  - Pay off the accrued interest on your Direct Unsubsidized (Stafford) & GradPLUS loans before repayment begins to avoid capitalization.
  - If you are not ready to begin repayment, submit the required deferment or forbearance forms to your loan servicer(s).
- Apply for loan forgiveness/cancellation (if eligible).
- Pay your bills on time. On time payments are a key factor in determining your credit score.
We are here to help!

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