



Student Loan EXIT Counseling

Instruction to Financial Aid Office:

Return white copy of completed exit counseling form to:
Student Assistance Corporation
P.O. Box 9570, Wilkes Barre, PA 18773

Borrower Information

Name (Please print clearly)	Social Security Number	Driver's License Number and State
Permanent Street Address	Permanent Email Address	
City/State	ZIP Code	Permanent Telephone Number

Read This Section Carefully. I understand the following information about my student loan(s):

- I must repay my loan(s), including accrued interest and any fees. I must repay my loan(s) even if I don't complete my program of study, or fail to complete my program of study within the regular time for program completion, if I am dissatisfied with my education, or if I am unable to get a job after I complete my program.
- I must repay my loan(s) within 10 years, unless my loans are consolidated, or I have selected special repayment options, such as income-based or extended repayment, or have qualified for a deferment or forbearance.
- If I have received more than one loan under a single Master Promissory Note, by signing the MPN, I agreed to repay all of these loans.
- I may prepay or accelerate the repayment of some or all of my loan(s) without penalty.
- I may change repayment plans by contacting my lender.
- My minimum monthly payment will depend on the type of loan(s) I received, the repayment plan I select and the total amount owed, but generally will not be less than \$50 per month.
- I have been advised of the typical monthly repayment amount based on a range of student levels of indebtedness or the average indebtedness of Stafford and/or PLUS loan borrowers at my school or in my program of study.
- For each repayment option, I have been provided with sample information showing anticipated monthly payment amounts, interest costs and total payments based on a range of student levels of indebtedness or the average indebtedness of Stafford and/or PLUS loan borrowers at my school or in my program of study. *(See back of this form for repayment options and repayment-related information specific to each type of loan.)*
- The prevailing interest rate, fees and repayment terms and conditions are specified in the Master Promissory Note and/or the loan disclosure statement that I received.
- I must notify my lender, or in the case of Perkins loans, the school, if I:
 - Change my name.
 - Change my address or telephone number.
 - Change my references.
 - Change my Social Security number.
 - Change my employer.
- I will be notified, in writing, if any of my loans are sold, transferred or assigned to another lender. I must direct all future correspondence to that lender.
- If I qualify, I may apply to my lender for a deferment (a postponement of principal payments on my loan). *(See back of this form for details on deferment options.)*
- If I do not qualify for a deferment and am unable to make payments on my loan, I may request forbearance from my lender. I understand that forbearance is a special option that my lender may provide if I experience financial hardship or meet certain other criteria. *(See back of this form for details on forbearance.)*
- If I pay qualifying interest on my loans during a tax year, I may be eligible to deduct up to \$2,500 from my federal income tax liability.
- I may be eligible for a full or partial discharge, forgiveness or cancellation of my loan(s) under special circumstances. *(See back of this form for details on loan discharge, forgiveness and cancellation.)*
- If I fail to repay a loan, I will be considered in default, and the following may result:
 - My default status will be reported to national consumer reporting agencies and have a negative effect on my credit rating for seven years.
 - The entire unpaid amount of my loan, including interest, will become due and payable immediately.
 - My federal and state income tax refunds and other federal payments may be withheld.
 - I will lose deferment, forgiveness and repayment options.
 - My wages may be garnished.
 - I will be assessed collection costs, including attorney fees.
 - I may be ineligible to receive any further federal or state financial aid.
 - I may lose or be ineligible to obtain a state professional license in my field.
 - I may be sued.

Reference Information

Name of Nearest Relative	Relationship	Address	City/State/ZIP	Telephone Number
Personal Reference	Relationship	Address	City/State/ZIP	Telephone Number
Personal Reference	Relationship	Address	City/State/ZIP	Telephone Number
Expected Employer		Address	City/State/ZIP	Telephone Number

I have read and understand all the information on this form (front and back). I have completed all requested items truthfully and accurately, and I have received loan counseling, including repayment option and debt management information.

Student's Signature	Date	Financial Aid Administrator's Signature	Date
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Repayment Estimates Under Standard Repayment Plan

3.4%

6.8%

7.9%

Balance at Repayment	Subsidized Undergraduate Stafford Fixed Rate			All Other Stafford Fixed Rate			Direct PLUS Fixed Rate		
	Payment	Months	Interest	Payment	Months	Interest	Payment	Months	Interest
\$1,000	\$50	21	\$31	\$50	22	\$64	\$50	22	\$76
\$2,000	\$50	43	\$126	\$50	46	\$275	\$50	47	\$329
\$3,000	\$50	66	\$293	\$50	74	\$677	\$50	77	\$829
\$4,000	\$50	91	\$543	\$50	107	\$1,344	\$50	114	\$1,699
\$6,000	\$59	120	\$1,086	\$69	120	\$2,286	\$72	120	\$2,698
\$8,000	\$79	120	\$1,448	\$92	120	\$3,048	\$97	120	\$3,597
\$10,000	\$98	120	\$1,810	\$115	120	\$3,810	\$121	120	\$4,496
\$20,000	\$197	120	\$3,620	\$230	120	\$7,619	\$242	120	\$8,992
\$30,000	\$295	120	\$5,431	\$345	120	\$11,429	\$367	120	\$13,488
\$40,000	\$394	120	\$7,241	\$460	120	\$15,239	\$483	120	\$17,984
\$50,000	\$492	120	\$9,051	\$575	120	\$19,048	\$604	120	\$22,480
\$60,000	\$591	120	\$10,861	\$690	120	\$22,858	\$725	120	\$26,976

Repayment Options

By selecting the plan that produces a monthly payment I can afford, but also repays the loan as quickly as possible, I will avoid paying additional interest.

I have been advised of the following options for repaying my Stafford and/or PLUS loan and the differences in total interest paid and total payments among these options:

- **Standard (level) repayment** — I will make fixed monthly payments of at least \$50 and repay my loan(s) in full within 10 years, excluding periods of deferment or forbearance.
- **Graduated repayment** — My monthly payment amount will increase over time, but no payment will be more than three times greater than any other payment.
- **Income-based repayment** — If I qualify for this option, I may limit my payments to 15 percent of my “discretionary” income. My payments may be less than accruing interest, I may qualify to pay back my loans over a period of up to 25 years, and I may qualify for forgiveness of any remaining amount I owe after 25 years of payment.
- **Extended repayment** — If I was a new borrower effective Oct. 7, 1998, and I accumulated more than \$30,000 in outstanding loans, I may extend my repayment period up to 25 years and repay under a level or graduated schedule.
- **Income-sensitive repayment** — I can select this option only for Federal Family Education Loan Program loans. My monthly payments will be adjusted annually based on my expected gross monthly income.
- **Income-contingent repayment** — I may select this option for Direct Loans, except Direct PLUS loans to parents. My payments will be based on my income, family size and outstanding loan balance. My payments may be less than the accruing interest. If I haven't fully repaid my loan after 25 years, I may qualify to have the unpaid amount forgiven.

In most cases, repayment will begin as follows:

- **Subsidized Stafford Loans** — Principal and interest payments begin following a six-month grace period after leaving school or dropping to less than half-time enrollment.
- **Unsubsidized Stafford Loans and Graduate PLUS Loans** — Interest begins to accrue as soon as my loan is disbursed. Payment of the principal and interest may be deferred while I am in school at least half time and for a six-month period after I cease half-time enrollment. If I do not pay the interest, it will be capitalized (added to the principal of my loans). If I wish to pay the interest during this period, I must advise my lender.
- **Perkins Loan** — Principal and interest payments begin following a nine-month grace period after I leave school or drop to less than half-time attendance.
- **Health Professions Student Loan/Primary Care Loan** — Principal and interest payments begin following a 12-month grace period after leaving school or dropping to less than half-time enrollment.
- **Nursing Student Loan** — Principal and interest payments begin following a nine-month grace period after leaving school or dropping to less than half-time enrollment.

Loan Consolidation

I may consolidate into one new loan my federal education loans received from different lenders and different programs and, depending on my total education debt, extend my repayment term up to 30 years. Although extending the repayment term may reduce my monthly payment amount, I am likely to pay more in total interest costs. Moreover, depending on when I consolidate and the types of loans I consolidate, I may lose my grace period, interest subsidy, deferment, loan cancellation, loan forgiveness benefits and borrower benefits, which vary by lender. I may prepay my consolidation loan without penalty and may change my consolidation loan repayment plan.

Deferment Options

I may apply to my lender for a deferment to temporarily postpone my Stafford and/or PLUS loan payments, if I was a new borrower on or after July 1, 1993, and I meet one of the following conditions:

- I am unemployed.
- I am experiencing certain other economic hardships specified by federal law.
- I am enrolled at least half time in a qualified postsecondary education program.
- I am participating in a qualified graduate fellowship or rehabilitation training program.
- I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.

If I was not a new borrower on or after July 1, 1993, I may obtain deferment information directly from my lender. If I borrowed unsubsidized Stafford or Grad PLUS loans, interest will continue to accrue during the deferment. I may pay the accruing interest, or if not paid, my lender may capitalize the interest.

Forbearance

Forbearance is a special arrangement between my lender and me if I meet any one or more of the following conditions:

- I am experiencing financial hardship.
- I am participating in a medical or dental internship or residency.
- My student loan debt is equal to or greater than 20 percent of my total monthly income.
- I am serving in a national service position and am receiving a national service educational award under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (AmeriCorps).
- I meet the eligibility requirements for certain loan forgiveness programs.
- I am affected by a local or national emergency.
- I am subject to a military mobilization.
- I reside in an area that has been designated a disaster area.

My school has advised me of my forbearance options and provided information from the U.S. Department of Education about student financial assistance programs.

Loan Discharge, Forgiveness and Cancellation

I may be eligible for a full or partial discharge of my loan(s), under the following circumstances:

- If I die.
- If a physician certifies that I am totally and permanently disabled or the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that I meet certain disability criteria.
- If I prove undue hardship in an adversary proceeding before a bankruptcy court.
- If I am unable to complete my course of study because my school closes.
- If my loan was falsely certified as the result of the crime of identity theft.
- If my school falsely certified my eligibility for the loan.
- If my school failed to make a required refund to my lender on my behalf.

I may be eligible for forgiveness of a portion of my outstanding Stafford or PLUS loan indebtedness based on certain service as a teacher, a civil legal service attorney, or in other defined areas of public service. I may qualify for full or partial cancellation of my outstanding Perkins loan debt based on my service in certain occupations.

My school has advised me of my loan discharge, forgiveness and cancellation options and provided information from the U.S. Department of Education about student financial assistance programs.

Debt Management

Taking the time to plan for repayment of my student loan now can save me hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars in interest costs and potential damage to my credit. The following are ways that I can plan for successful debt management and repayment of my student loans:

- Organize all of my student loan paperwork in a file that I can easily access.
- Use a repayment calculator to estimate my monthly student loan payments.
- Select a repayment plan that produces a monthly payment I can afford but also repays my loan as quickly as possible, so I avoid paying additional interest.
- Make a monthly budget of my income and expenses, including my monthly student loan payment.
- Ask my lender about establishing automatic deduction of my loan payments from my bank account to ensure on-time payment.
- Limit the amount of other types of debt, particularly credit card debt, while I am repaying my student loans.

Office of the Ombudsman

If I have contacted my school, lender and, if applicable, guarantor regarding a dispute on my loan(s), and the dispute has not been resolved, I may contact the Department of Education's Student Loan Ombudsman's office. An ombudsman is available as a neutral party to work with me and all agencies involved to assist in resolving student loan disputes. The Ombudsman may be contacted at: **U.S. Department of Education**

FSA Ombudsman
830 First Street, N.E., Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20202-5144
(877) 557-2575

Repayment Assistance and Loan Information

I may access information about my federal student loans, and other sources of federal financial aid, by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System at www.nslds.ed.gov or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll-free at (800) 4-FED-AID or TDD (800) 730-8913.