



College Now
Greater Cleveland

Student Loan Rescue

5 Things to Know

About Federal Student Loan Repayment Plans

You may be eligible to lower the monthly payment on your federal student loans, and possibly have a portion of them discharged!

1. Only Federal Direct Loans are eligible.

- However, other federal loans such as Perkins and Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL) loans can be made eligible by consolidating them into the Direct Loan program at www.studentaid.gov
- Private, state, institutional or other types of consumer debt **can never be** eligible for loan forgiveness.

2. You will have to choose a payment plan once you graduate.

- The default payment plan is Standard Repayment, which will pay off your loan in full in 10 years, which is fine, if you can afford it. There are 8 other plans that could reduce your monthly payment. Eligibility is based on the following:
 - Your current income.
 - Your current student loan debt.
 - Your employer.

3. Recertify your employment and income annually.

Things will change that may influence your eligibility for some repayment plans. You need to reapply for your payment plan each year to keep your account current.

4. Federal Parent PLUS loans may be eligible for forgiveness.

The Parent PLUS borrower may also be eligible to consolidate into a direct consolidation to gain access to the income contingent repayment plan at www.studentaid.gov

5. Applying for a repayment plan and forgiveness is FREE!

When you graduate your income is low, and your debt is high. That is the perfect time to apply for income-based repayment plans and forgiveness programs!

Complete the form at the link below and a College Now loan specialist will contact you for an appointment to “checkup” on your student loans:

<https://collegenowgc.tfaforms.net/4971930> or 216.635.0151

**Located in the Post Office Plaza, 1500 West 3rd Street, Suite 125,
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