

Student Loan

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Repayment Strategies Resources

Where are You Now?

- National Student Loan Data System, https://studentaid.gov
- Check your credit report for private loans, www.annualcreditreport.com

Evaluate Repayment Options

- CFPB, Repay Student Debt, http://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/repay-student-debt/
- Repayment Estimator: https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/
- Different Repayment Plans: https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment/plans

Make a Plan

- Consolidate Loans: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/consolidation. Consolidate loans carefully as you can lose flexibility in options once loans are consolidated.
- Deferment and Forbearance: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/deferment-forbearance
- Student Loan Forgiveness: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/

Take Action

- To begin repaying federal loans, go to Federal Student Aid https://studentaid.gov
- Mark your calendar annually to reevaluate.

To Learn More

- Subscribe to the Plan Well, Retire Well blog (<u>www.RetireWell.illinois.edu</u>) for up-to-date information about student loans and other personal finance topics.
- Money Mentors, University of Illinois Extension, https://go.illinois.edu/MoneyMentors
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