Lander University Financial Aid

FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

2 TO 4 MONTHS PRIOR

Federal Student Loan Repayment

Exit Counseling: Loan Consolidation:

https://studentaid.gov

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864-388-8340 finaid@lander.edu PREVIOUS BORROWERS ENTER REPAYMENT AFTER JUNE 30, 2023

STUDENTS WHO ARE NO LONGER ENROLLED OR DROP BELOW HALF-TIME ENROLLMENT ENTER REPAYMENT AFTER 6 MONTH GRACE PERIOD

CONFIRM YOUR PAYMENT DUE DATE ON HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV

Review your loan history at: https://studentaid.gov.

- ⇒ The current loan balance and interest rate for each loan.
- ⇒ The loan type (depending on when you went to school and what loan programs your school participated in, you may have loans from different federal student loan programs; the types of loans you received can affect what benefits are available to you.)
- ⇒ The name of the loan servicer for each loan (a loan servicer is a company that handles the billing and other services on your loans; generally, you'll have one servicer for all your federal student loans, but there is a chance you could have more than one.)
 - ⇒ Create an online account on your servicer's website. You can find the most detailed and up-to-date information about your loans, make your payments, and manage your loans (for example, change repayment plans or apply for a deferment) on your loan servicer's website. When you create your account, be sure your contact information is correct.
 - \Rightarrow Complete mandatory <u>exit counseling</u>. All federal student loan borrowers must complete exit counseling. Exit counseling provides important information you need to help you prepare for repayment of your loans.

AFTER YOU GRADUATE OR LEAVE SCHOOL:

- ☐ Know when you have to start making payments.
- ☐ Create a budget.
- ☐ Consider <u>loan</u> <u>consolidation</u>.
- Set a goal for repayment. To begin setting your goal, ask and answer this question: "Do I want to repay my loans quickly, or do I want to pay as little as possible per month?" Any time you lower your payment, you'll be in repayment for a longer time and you'll pay more interest on your loans.
- Select an affordable repayment plan. Now that you've set a goal for repayment, you can find a repayment plan that fits your goal using <u>Loan Simulator</u>.

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FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

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Federal Student Loan Forgiveness, Cancellation, and Discharge

Public Service Loan Forgiveness: Teacher Loan Forgiveness:

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PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS (PSLF)
PROGRAM

TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

PAYMENT TIPS AND GUIDANCE

- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program: You may qualify for this loan forgiveness program if you are employed by a government or a not-for-profit organization. You must make 120 qualifying payments under an income-driven plan to qualify. Learn more about PSLF.
- ⇒ Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program: You may qualify for this program if you (a) teach full-time for five complete and consecutive academic years in certain elementary and secondary schools and educational service agencies that serve low-income families, and (b) meet other qualifications. Learn more about (TLF).
- ⇒ Learn more about Forgiveness, Cancellation, and Discharge.

PAYMENT TIPS AND GUIDANCE:

- Make on-time payments ONLY o your loan servicer. You can set up auto pay at https:// studentaid.gov
- Make repayment simple and save on interest—enroll in automatic debit.
- Know your options if you can't make your loan payment.
- Avoid scams by only resolving loan questions, concerns, and making payments with your assigned loan servicer.
- Identify all private alternative loans to determine your lender contact information on your credit report at: https://annualcreditreport.com.

- Most of the repayment tips and guidance above applies to your private alternative loan repayment as well.
- The SC Teacher Loan is administered by the SC Student Loan Corporation. Students can access their loan balance and forgiveness documents on the lender's website at: https://scstudentloan.org.
- The SC Teaching Fellows
 Program is administered by
 CERRA. Students can access
 their award information and
 forgiveness documents on
 CERRA's website at:
 https://www.cerra.org/teachingfellows-faq.html