FAQ on the Biden-Harris Administration’s Student Loan Debt Relief Plan

What should I know about the Federal Student Loan Debt Relief Plan?

The U.S. Department of Education will provide up to $20,000 in debt cancellation to Pell Grant recipients with loans held by the Department of Education, and up to $10,000 in debt cancellation to non-Pell Grant recipients. Borrowers are eligible for this relief if their individual income is less than $125,000 ($250,000 for married couples).

Additionally, the pause on federal student loan repayment will be extended one final time through December 31, 2022. Borrowers should expect to resume payment in January 2023.

Furthermore, the Dept. of Education is proposing a new income-driven repayment plan that protects more low-income borrowers from making any payments and caps monthly payments for undergraduate loans at 5% of a borrower’s discretionary income—half of the rate that borrowers must pay now under most existing plans.

Lastly, the Dept. of Education is addressing the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program by proposing a rule that borrowers who have worked at a nonprofit, in the military, or in federal, state, tribal, or local government, receive appropriate credit toward loan forgiveness.

If I borrow federal student loans for the 2022/23 academic year, would they be considered for loan forgiveness?

No, federal student loans for the 2022/23 academic year will not be considered for forgiveness. Only federal student loans that were fully disbursed as of June 30, 2022 are eligible for review by the U.S. Department of Education.

Can I still borrow Federal Student loans for the 2021/22 academic year?

The deadline to accept and originate a Federal Student Loan for the 2021/22 academic year has passed.

Does the Office of financial Aid have other information regarding the Federal Student Loan Debt Relief Plan?

The Office of Financial Aid only has the general information that was released to the public on 8/24/2022. For additional information on the Federal Student Loan Debt Relief Plan, please wait for official guidance from the U.S. Department of Education or your Federal Loan Servicer.

For Additional information

- View the official announcement from Federal Student Aid:
  - https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief-announcement/
  - https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief-announcement/one-time-cancellation
- Contact your Federal Loan Servicer
  - Find them on: https://studentaid.gov/