Student Loan Forgiveness
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Federal Student Loan

- Federal Student Loan: A loan funded by the federal government to help pay for your education. A federal student loan is borrowed money you must repay with interest.

Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program:
Under this program, private lenders provided loans to students that were guaranteed by the federal government. These loans included Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, FFEL PLUS Loans, and FFEL Consolidation Loans. Federal student loans under the FFEL Program are no longer made by private lenders. Instead, all new federal student loans come directly from the U.S. Department of Education under the Direct Loan Program.
Who is considered a teacher in the Obama Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program?

A teacher is a person who provides direct classroom teaching, or classroom-type teaching in a non-classroom setting. Special Education teachers are considered teachers.
Am I a highly qualified teacher under the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program?

• To be a highly qualified teacher, a public elementary or secondary school teacher must
  • have obtained full state certification as a teacher; or
  • passed your state teaching license examination, and hold a license to teach in that state
  • have not had certification or licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or provisional basis.
Am I a highly qualified teacher under the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program?

- A middle or secondary school teacher who is new to the profession is highly qualified if the teacher also
  - holds at least a bachelor’s degree; and
  - has demonstrated a high level of competence in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches by
  - have shown to have adequate teaching skills by passing any state tests, or having subject knowledge of reading, writing, mathematics and other basic areas of elementary education.; or
How long must I teach?

- You must be a teacher for five full and consecutive academic years after the 1997-1998 academic year to qualify into the for principal reduction in the Teacher Loan Forgiveness program.

- There is no requirement that you must teach a given number of hours a day to qualify as a full-time teacher; the employing school is responsible for making that decision.
Is the school at which I teach a low-income school?

• To be considered a “low-income school,” the school must be in a school district that qualified for federal Title I funds in the year for which the cancellation is sought. 30 percent of the school’s enrollment must be made up of children in the Title I program.

• Each year, the U.S. Department of Education publishes a list of low-income elementary and secondary schools. Questions about the inclusion or omission of a particular school must be directed to the state education agency contact in the state where the school is located.
Is the school at which I teach a low-income school?

All elementary and secondary schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)—or operated on Indian reservations by Indian tribal groups under contract with BIE—qualify as schools serving low-income students.

Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory (SCHOOL SPECIFIC)

- Excel Version
How Much Forgiveness may I receive?

• You may receive up to $5,000 in loan forgiveness if you were a highly qualified full-time elementary or secondary school teacher.

• The cancellation of all or some portion of your remaining federal student loan balance. If your loan is forgiven, you are no longer responsible for repaying that remaining portion of the loan.

• You may receive up to $17,500 in loan forgiveness if, as certified by the chief administrative officer of the school where you were employed, you were
  a highly qualified full-time mathematics or science teacher in an eligible secondary school; or
  a highly qualified special education teacher whose primary responsibility was to provide special education to children with disabilities, and you taught children with disabilities that corresponded to your area of special education training and have demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in the content areas of the curriculum that you taught.
Student Loan Forgiveness Web Site

How do I apply for Teacher Loan Forgiveness?

- How do I apply for Teacher Loan Forgiveness?


- If you believe you qualify for the Teacher Loan Forgiveness program, give us a call. (866) 921-8053
The direct loan program offers five different repayment plans:

- **Standard Repayment** - The borrower will pay a fixed amount each month for the life of the loan. The payment would be determined by your borrowed amount, interest rate, and term of the loan.

- **Graduated Repayment** - The borrower would make payments lower than the standard repayment plan, but would gradually increase every two years.

- **Income Contingent (ICR)** - In this plan, the borrower would make payments based on their income, family size, loan balance, and interest rate. Borrowers in the ICR can have a payment as low as $0.00/mo.
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- **Income Based (IBR)** - This plan bases the borrowers payment strictly on their income and family size. The balance of the loan and interest rate are not used in calculating the monthly payment. The borrower would be responsible to pay 15% of their discretionary income to their federal student loans. Borrowers in the IBR can have a payment as low as $0.00/mo

- **Pay As You Earn (PAYE)** - This plan usually has the lowest monthly payment, and is also based on your income but uses 10% of your discretionary income as a payment instead of the 15% used in IBR. Qualifying for the PAYE repayment plan is more difficult than the others. Borrowers in the PAYE can have a payment as low as $0.00/mo
Perkins Loans

- You qualify for cancellation (*discharge*) of up to 100 percent of a Federal Perkins Loan if you have served full-time in a public or nonprofit elementary or secondary school system as a
  - teacher in a school serving students from low-income families; or
  - special education teacher, including teachers of infants, toddlers, children, or youth with disabilities; or
  - teacher in the fields of mathematics, science, foreign languages, or bilingual education, or in any other field of expertise determined by a state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers in that state.

- Eligibility for teacher cancellation is based on the duties presented in an official position description, not on the position title. To receive a cancellation, you must be directly employed by the school system. There is no provision for canceling Federal Perkins Loans for teaching in postsecondary schools.

- Note that you also qualify for deferment while you’re performing teaching service that qualifies for cancellation. Contact the school that holds your loan for information on applying for deferment.
How do I apply for teacher cancellation?

- You must request the appropriate forms from the office that administers the Federal Perkins Loan program at the school that holds your loan. You must also provide any documentation the school requests to show that you qualify for cancellation of your Perkins Loan. It is the school’s responsibility to determine whether you qualify, and the school’s decision cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. Schools may not cancel any portion of a loan for teaching services you performed either before the date the loan was disbursed or during the enrollment period covered by the loan.
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• What amount can be canceled?

• If you are eligible for cancellation under any of the categories listed above, up to 100 percent of the loan may be canceled for teaching service, in the following increments:

• 15 percent canceled per year for the first and second years of service

• 20 percent canceled for the third and fourth years

• 30 percent canceled for the fifth year

• Each amount canceled per year includes the interest that accrued during the year.
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