

Financial Aid Appeal to Dean of Students

The following documents are required for your financial aid appeal:

- 1) Appeal letter specifying circumstances/reasons that resulted in current suspension status. Answer the following questions:
 - A) What has changed?
 - B) How will you pay for your tuition/fees/books if your financial aid appeal to the Interim Dean of Students is denied
 - c) What do you plan on doing differently that will result in a more successful college experience?

- 2) A degree plan which details the number of remaining hours and courses needed for completion. Degree plans are obtained by visiting the Advising & counseling office and speaking with an Academic Advisor.

- 3) Current budget including your projected financial aid award as part of your income

Students applying for student loans or with previous student loan debt must also submit the following:

- 4) In addition to a current budget, a projected post-graduate budget which includes a student loan repayment plan

Be prepared with an alternate method of payment in the event your appeal is denied or the appeal process is not completed prior to the payment deadline.

Student Loan Repayment Plans

The Direct Loan Program offers loan repayment plans designed to meet the needs of almost every borrower. Direct Loans are funded by the U.S. Department of Education through your school and are managed by a loan servicer, under the supervision of the Department. The Direct Loan Program allows you to choose your repayment plan and to switch your plan if your needs change.



To find out more about repayment options before receiving a Direct Loan, borrowers may contact their school's financial aid office or the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). If you currently have a Direct Loan and would like the exact payment amount on your loan, you can find it out by contacting your loan servicer.

Parent Direct PLUS Loan borrowers may only choose from the standard, extended, or graduated options, but student Direct PLUS Loan borrowers may also choose the income contingent repayment plan or the income-based repayment plan.

Standard Repayment

With the standard plan, you'll pay a fixed amount each month until your loans are paid in full. Your monthly payments will be at least \$50, and you'll have up to 10 years to repay your loans.

The standard plan is good for you if you can handle higher monthly payments because you'll repay your loans more quickly. Your monthly payment under the standard plan may be higher than it would be under the other plans because your loans will be repaid in the shortest time. For the same reason—the 10-year limit on repayment—you may pay the least interest.

Extended Repayment

To be eligible for the extended plan, you must have more than \$30,000 in Direct Loan debt and you must not have an outstanding balance on a Direct Loan as of October 7, 1998. Under the extended plan you have 25 years for repayment and two payment options: fixed or graduated. Fixed payments are the same amount each month, as with the standard plan, while graduated payments start low and increase every two years, as with the graduated plan below.

This is a good plan if you will need to make smaller monthly payments. Because the repayment period will be 25 years, your monthly payments will be less than with the standard plan. However, you may pay more in interest because you're taking longer to repay the loans. **Remember that the longer your loans are in repayment, the more interest you will pay.**

Graduated Repayment

With this plan your payments start out low and increase every two years. The length of your repayment period will be up to ten years. If you expect your income to increase steadily over time, this plan may be right for you. Your monthly payment will never be less than the amount of interest that accrues between payments. Although your monthly payment will gradually increase, no single payment under this plan will be more than three times greater than any other payment.

Income Contingent Repayment

(not available for parent PLUS loans)

This plan gives you the flexibility to meet your Direct Loan obligations without causing undue financial hardship. Each year, your monthly payments will be calculated on the basis of your adjusted gross income (AGI, plus your spouse's income if you're married), family size, and the total amount of your Direct Loans. Under the ICR plan you will pay each month the lesser of:

1. the amount you would pay if you repaid your loan in 12 years multiplied by an income percentage factor that varies with your annual income, or
2. 20% of your monthly discretionary income*.

If your payments are not large enough to cover the interest that has accumulated on your loans, the unpaid amount will be capitalized once each year. However, capitalization will not exceed 10 percent of the original amount you owed when you entered repayment. Interest will continue to accumulate but will no longer be capitalized.


The maximum repayment period is 25 years. If you haven't fully repaid your loans after 25 years (time spent in deferment or forbearance does not count) under this plan, the unpaid portion will be discharged. You may, however, have to pay taxes on the amount that is discharged.

Income-based Repayment

Under this plan the required monthly payment will be based on your income during any period when you have a partial financial hardship. Your monthly payment may be adjusted annually. The maximum repayment period under this plan may exceed 10 years. If you meet certain requirements over a specified period of time, you may qualify for cancellation of any outstanding balance of your loans

Calculators and interest rates

Please read the description of each plan and the instructions for each data entry page carefully.

 [Budget calculator](#) Determine expenses and income in order to create a budget for college.



Current interest rates The interest rate for new subsidized and unsubsidized loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, is a fixed 6.80%, with the exceptions for subsidized undergraduate loans noted in the table below. The interest rate for PLUS loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, is a fixed 7.90%. For Direct consolidation loan interest rates, [see that rate page](#) for information.

| Date of First Disbursement | Interest Rate for Subsidized Undergraduate Loan |
|----------------------------|---|
| 7/1/08–6/30/09 | 6.00% |
| 7/1/09–6/30/10 | 5.60% |
| 7/1/10–6/30/11 | 4.50% |
| 7/1/11–6/30/12 | 3.40% |

For subsidized and unsubsidized loans first disbursed between July 1, 1998, and June 30, 2006, the interest rate for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, is 2.36% for loans in repayment and 1.76% during in-school, grace, and deferment periods. Similarly, for PLUS loans disbursed between July 1, 1998, and June 30, 2006, the interest rate is now 3.16%.

Repayment calculators for all the different loan repayment plans are available at:

<http://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/calc.html>

Current

Budget



Household Budget Worksheet

Use this sheet to determine your income and expenses, and disposable income percentage

Include all expenses and income.

If you need another category, "borrow" a line that is not in use. Not all households will use all items.

Be as accurate as possible in reporting. Do not report any monies deducted from your take home pay.

| Monthly Take Home Income | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Salary/Wages/Business Draw | |
| Salary or Wages (Spouse) | |
| Social Security | |
| Pension/Retirement | |
| Interest on Accounts | |
| Alimony / Child Support | |
| Real Estate rent (income) | |
| Investment Dividends | |
| Unemployment/ Food Stamps | |
| Other | |
| Total Take Home Income | \$0 |

| Monthly Living Expenses | |
|---|------------|
| Alimony / Child Support (outgoing) | |
| Auto Gas and Repair | |
| Auto Insurance | |
| Cable TV/ Satellite Fees | |
| Charitable Contributions | |
| Child Care | |
| Children's Activities | |
| Clothing Maintenance (Laundry/Dry cleaning) | |
| Clothing Purchases | |
| Electric Bill | |
| Food (In-home / Groceries) | |
| Food (Out of home - Lunch, Dining) | |
| Gas and Oil Bill | |
| Health and Dental Insurance | |
| Homeowner/Condo fees | |
| Homeowners/ Renters Insurance | |
| Household items | |
| Internet Access (AOL,MSN, DSL) | |
| Life and Disability Insurance | |
| Memberships (Health club etc.) | |
| Personal Care (Grooming) | |
| Prescriptions | |
| Property Services (Gardener,Pool) | |
| Security Services (Alarm) | |
| Subscriptions | |
| Telephone (Home, Cell, Pager) | |
| Trash Disposal | |
| Tuition and School Supplies | |
| Water Bill | |
| Other Expenses | |
| Total Monthly Living Expenses | \$0 |

| Secured Debts (Monthly Payments) | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Rent | |
| 1st Mortgage | |
| 2nd Mortgage | |
| Land Lease (Trailer park, other) | |
| Student Loans | |
| Auto Loans/Leases | |
| Recreation (Boat, ATV, etc.) | |
| Past Due Taxes | |
| Other Debts | |
| Other Debts | |
| Other Loans | |
| Other Loans | |
| Total Secured Debt | \$0 |

| Unsecured Debt | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Credit Card 1 | |
| Credit Card 2 | |
| Credit Card 3 | |
| Credit Card 4 | |
| Credit Card 5 | |
| Credit Card 6 | |
| Credit Card 7 | |
| Credit Card 8 | |
| Personal Loan 1 | |
| Personal Loan 2 | |
| Medical Bill Payment | |
| Other | |
| Other | |
| Total unsecured Debt | \$0 |

| Summary | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Take Home (Income) | \$0 |
| Total Living Expenses (-) | \$0 |
| Total Secured Debt Payments (-) | \$0 |
| Total Unsecured Debt Payments (-) | \$0 |
| Disposable Income ** | \$0.00 |
| Disposable Income as Percent | |

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| Real Estate rent (income) | |
| Investment Dividends | |
| Unemployment/ Food Stamps | |
| Other | |
| Total Take Home Income | \$0 |

| Monthly Living Expenses | |
|---|------------|
| Alimony / Child Support (outgoing) | |
| Auto Gas and Repair | |
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| Memberships (Health club etc.) | |
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| Prescriptions | |
| Property Services (Gardener/Pool) | |
| Security Services (Alarm) | |
| Subscriptions | |
| Telephone (Home, Cell, Pager) | |
| Trash Disposal | |
| Tuition and School Supplies | |
| Water Bill | |
| Total Monthly Living Expenses | \$0 |

| Secured Debts (Monthly Payments) | |
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| 2nd Mortgage | |
| Land Lease (Trailer park, other) | |
| Student Loans | |
| Auto Loans/Leases | |
| Recreation (Boat, ATV, etc.) | |
| Past Due Taxes | |
| Other Debts | |
| Other Debts | |
| Other Loans | |
| Other Loans | |
| Total Secured Debt | \$0 |

| Unsecured Debt | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Credit Card 1 | |
| Credit Card 2 | |
| Credit Card 3 | |
| Credit Card 4 | |
| Credit Card 5 | |
| Credit Card 6 | |
| Credit Card 7 | |
| Credit Card 8 | |
| Personal Loan 1 | |
| Personal Loan 2 | |
| Medical Bill Payment | |
| Other | |
| Other | |
| Total unsecured Debt | \$0 |

| Summary | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Take Home (Income) | \$0 |
| Total Living Expenses (-) | \$0 |
| Total Secured Debt Payments (-) | \$0 |
| Total Unsecured Debt Payments (-) | \$0 |
| Disposable Income ** | \$0.00 |

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SAMPLE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET – CURRENT BUDGET

Monthly Take Home Income

| | | |
|--------------|----------|--|
| Salary | \$500.00 | Part time Job – will increase hours if necessary |
| Student Loan | \$750.00 | Total of \$3750.00 |

Total Take Home Income \$1250.00

Monthly Living Expenses

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Gasoline for Auto | \$120.00 | |
| Auto Insurance | \$ 60.00 | |
| Clothing | \$ 60.00 | |
| Groceries | \$ 40.00 | |
| Restaurants | \$100.00 | |
| Tuition/Books | \$635.00 | Total \$2500.00 |

Total Monthly Living Expenses \$1005.00

Secured Debt

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Auto Loan | \$360.00 |
|-----------|----------|

Total Secured Debt \$360.00

Total Unsecured Debt \$ 0.00

SUMMARY

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Take Home Income | \$1250.00 |
| Total Living Expenses | \$1005.00 |
| Total Secured Debt Payment | \$ 360.00 |
| Total Unsecured Debt | \$ 0.00 |
| Disposable Income | -\$ 115.00 |

SAMPLE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET- POST GRADUATE

Monthly Take Home Income

Salary \$2500.00

Based on A.D.N. salary for Victoria Area

Total Take Home Income \$2500.00

Monthly Living Expenses

Gasoline for Automobile \$ 120.00

Auto Insurance \$ 120.00

Cable TV \$ 60.00

Clothing \$ 100.00

Electric \$ 120.00

Groceries \$ 120.00

Restaurants \$ 60.00

Health Insurance \$ 220.00

Telephone \$ 60.00

Total Monthly Living Expenses \$ 980.00

Secured Debt

Rent \$ 750.00

Student Loan \$ 125.00

Auto Loan \$ 360.00

Total Secured Debt \$1235.00

Total Unsecured Debt \$ 0.00

SUMMARY

Total Take Home Income \$2500.00

Monthly Living Expenses \$ 980.00

Secured Debt Payments \$1235.00

Unsecured Debt Payments \$ 0.00

Disposable Income \$ 285.00