

Exit Counseling (Required)

Exit counseling provides important information you need to prepare to repay your federal student loan(s).

If you have received a subsidized, unsubsidized or PLUS loan under the Direct Loan Program or the FFEL Program, you must complete exit counseling each time you:

- Drop below half-time enrollment
- Graduate
- Leave School

Note: The FFEL Program ended June 30, 2010 and no new loans have been made under the FFEL Program after that date.

At the end of the exit counseling session, you will be asked for information that will be included as part of your loan records. You must provide the following:

- Names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for:
 - Your next of kin
 - Two references who live in the U.S.
 - Your future employer (if known)

Your school may have alternate exit counseling requirements. Check with your school's financial aid office to be sure that the exit counseling available on this Web site satisfies its requirements for exit counseling.

To complete exit counseling, you will need:

- Approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. Entrance Counseling must be completed in a single session.
- Your [FSA ID](#)
If you are a new user or have forgotten your FSA ID, click [here](#).

Students must log in using their own FSA ID to complete Exit Counseling. **Use of another person's FSA ID constitutes fraud. Use only your own FSA ID information.**

- Name(s) of the school(s) you wish to notify of counseling completion

Useful Information to Have

Any details on your income, financial aid, and living expenses. Some of this information can be found in:

- Your student account information
- Details on your future income, financial aid, and living expenses if known

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 - Your [next of kin](#)
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There are two ways to access exit counseling:

1. Log in to StudentLoans.gov using your FSA ID

- Select "Complete Counseling" on the left-hand navigation bar
- Select "Exit Counseling" under "Choose Counseling Type"

If you log in, you will be able to:

- See your federal student loan information available in the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
- Notify schools of counseling completion
- View proof of counseling completion

2. Select "Getting Loans" from the top navigation bar on the StudentLoans.gov home page and then "Counseling Demo." Select "Exit Counseling" under "Choose Counseling Type."

- You must log in to officially complete the counseling session (option 1 above)
- The "Counseling Demo" option is informational and allows school administrators to see counseling content without logging in