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STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT & FINANCIAL PLANNING CHECKLIST

As you prepare to graduate and embark on your career, understanding your student loan repayment options and responsibilities is especially important. To help you stay organized, we've created a Student Loan Repayment and Financial Planning Checklist.

CHECKLIST	RESOURCES
Access the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) for a history of federal loan borrowing	NSLDS.ed.gov
Identify the types of federal student loans and amounts borrowed	NSLDS.ed.gov
Complete online exit counseling for federal student loan borrowing prior to graduation	NSLDS.ed.gov
Identify federal student loan servicers and their contact information	NSLDS.ed.gov Contact federal servicer(s)
Estimate monthly loan payments using loan repayment calculators	Loan Repayment tab at http://www.stern.nyu.edu/finaid
Identify private student loan lenders and review important federal loan documents such as Direct Unsubsidized and Direct PLUS Master Promissory Notes	StudentLoans.gov
Review important loan documents such as Master Promissory Notes and communications for private student loans	Retrieve copy of <u>credit report</u> and contact private lenders(s)
Keep contact information up to date	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Sign up to manage your account online and receive email communication	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Sign up for automatic debit and research borrower benefits or repayment incentives	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Know your payment amounts and due dates	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Identify the repayment plans available and review the costs associated with each	StudentAid.ed.gov or Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Research deferment, forbearance, and other forms of payment relief, such as loan forgiveness	StudentAid.ed.gov or Visit the Loan Repayment tab at http://www.stern.nyu.edu/finaid
Understand student loan interest deduction (IRS Form 1098-E; Student Loan Interest Summary)	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s); or Your tax advisor http://www.ed.gov/1098-e