# Welcome to **Navigating Your Student Loan Debt**





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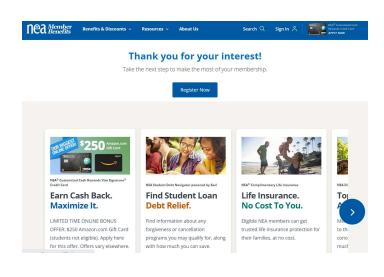
# **Agenda**

- Get the Most Out of NEA Membership
- Understanding Student Loan Forgiveness
   Programs and Eligibility
- Understanding PSLF Policy and Program Updates
- Getting Started with the NEA Student Debt Navigator
- Setting up a Savi Account
- Summary of Resources



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## **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

### **Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF)**

General Requirements:

- Subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans from the FFELP and/or the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program are eligible.
- You are a new borrower (no outstanding balance on a Federal Loan before October 1, 1998)
- You have been employed for at least five consecutive years in an eligible elementary or secondary school (listed in TCLI Directory, Teacher Cancellation Low Income)

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### **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

### **Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF)**

General Requirements continued...

- You are not in default on the loan for which you are seeking forgiveness
- You have not received a benefit for the same teaching service through the AmeriCorps Program
- At least one of your five years of qualifying teaching service must be after the 1997-98 academic year
- You received the loan for which you are requesting forgiveness before the end of your fifth year of qualifying teaching

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### **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

### **Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF)**

How Much Is Forgiven...

- Certain highly qualified special education and secondary mathematics or science teachers can qualify for up to \$17,500 in forgiveness. Other eligible teachers can qualify for up to \$5,000
- You apply for TLF after you have completed the five-year teaching requirement
- School librarians, guidance counselors, and other administrative staff are not considered teachers for the purposes of this loan forgiveness program.



### **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

### **Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)**

- · Complete loan balance forgiveness
- Eligible after you have made 120 qualifying payments under a qualified repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer
- Not required to be consecutive, only cumulative
- Direct Loans or loans consolidated into Direct Loans
- Paperwork filed annually



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### **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

#### **PSLF Criteria:**



### **Qualifying Employer**

Government organizations at any level (federal, state, local, or tribal), not-for-profit 501(c)3s

Must work min. 30 hours per week

Can combine multiple/part-time employment to qualify (all employers must be eligible)



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## **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

**PSLF Criteria:** 



## **Qualifying Loans**

Direct Federal Loans only

Consolidate Parent PLUS & FFEL



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# **Loan Forgiveness Programs**

**PSLF Criteria:** 



### **Qualifying Repayment Plan**

Income-Driven Repayment Plan

On-Time and full monthly payments



## **Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)**

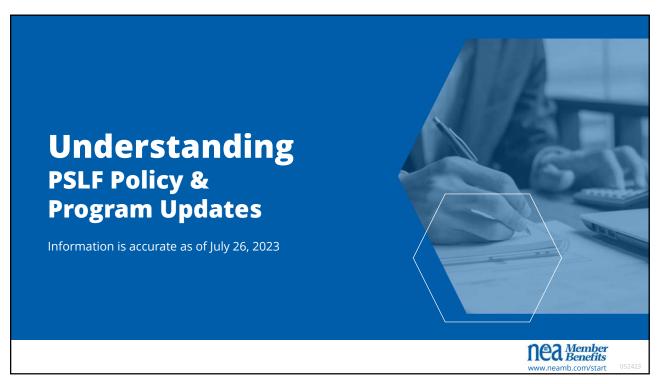
#### **Additional Details**

- Direct Loans Only
- **Enroll in IBR, ICR, PAYE, or REPAYE**
- Make 120 income driven repayments, on-time, exact amount
- File for forgiveness
- · Complete the PSLF Employment Certification for each year of full-time qualifying employment





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### **PSLF Policy & Program Updates**

- Time during payment pause counts towards Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Lasting improvements to PSLF program will take effect July 2023
  - · Help borrowers earn progress to PSLF
  - Simplify criteria to help certify employment
- Account Adjustments: loan consolidation by 2024



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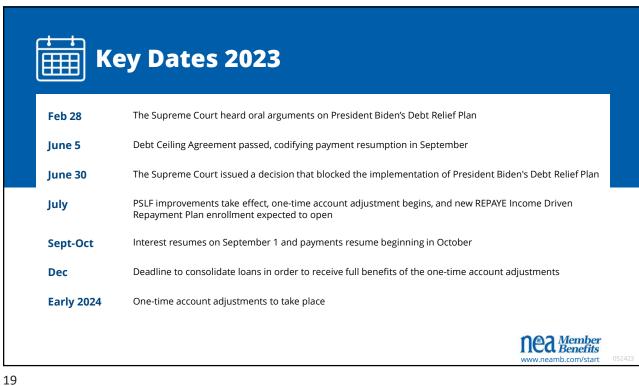
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### **PSLF Policy & Program Updates**

#### **Biden Relief Plan**

- President Biden's Student Loan Debt Relief Plan was blocked and will not continue
  - Program would've provided eligible borrowers with full or partial discharge of loans up to \$20,000 to Federal Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 to non-Pell Grant recipients.
- The Supreme Court released its decision on June 30 that put a permanent end to the program
  - The Court ruled that the Department of Education did not have the power to cancel debt under a specific statute, the HEROES Act. This means no debt relief will be given out
- The Biden-Harris Administration is exploring alternative pathways to pursuing similar debtrelief, but no replacement programs are available yet.
- In the meantime, borrowers are encouraged to take advantage of existing programs like
   Public Service Loan Forgiveness or Income-Driven Repayment Plans







## What can the Navigator do for you?

#### **Manage your student loans with ease:**

- Check eligibility and qualifications for loan forgiveness
- See personalized repayment and forgiveness options
- Yearly recertification of repayment and forgiveness plans
- Sign and submit paperwork digitally on your behalf
- Monitor for new programs and policy changes
- Receive **1-on-1 support** with student loan experts



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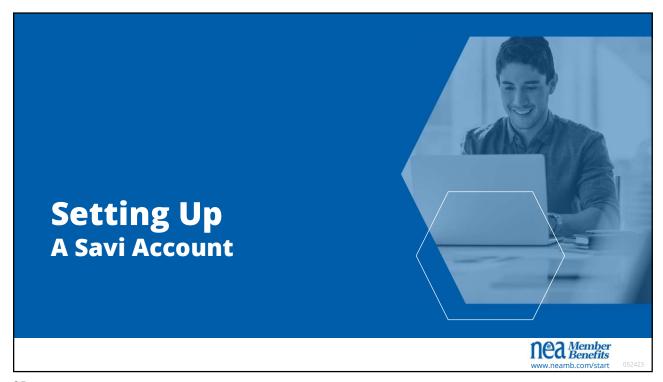
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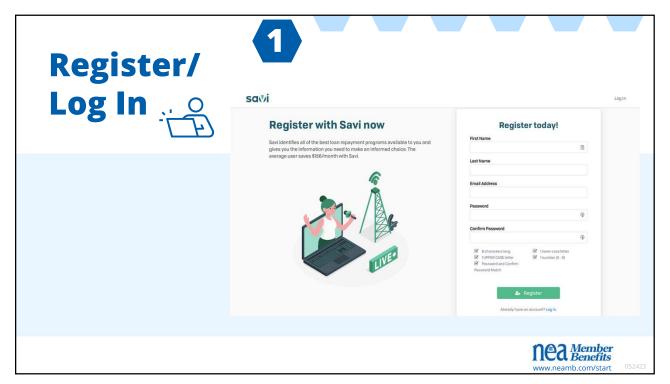
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   annually on their student loans using the Navigator

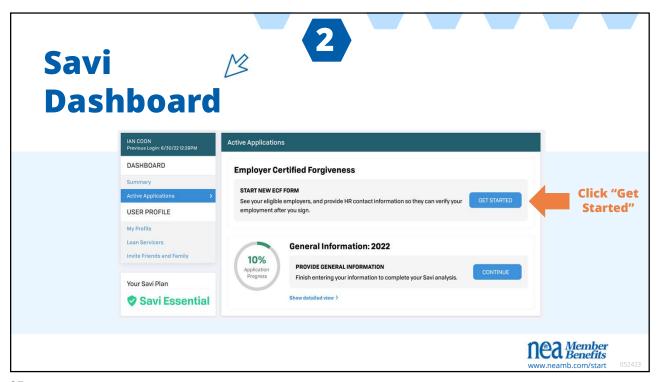


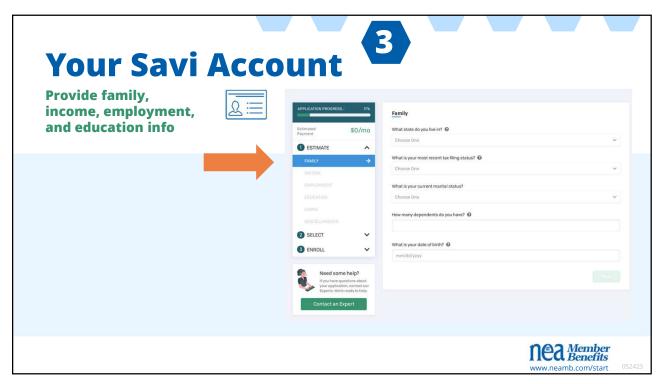


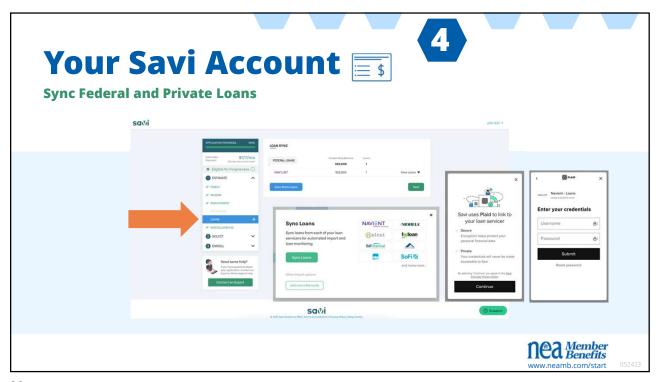


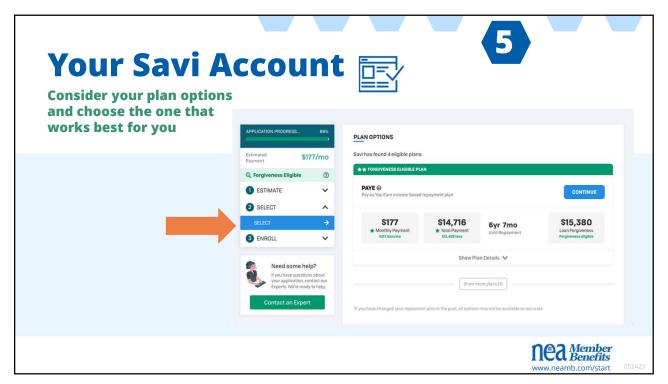


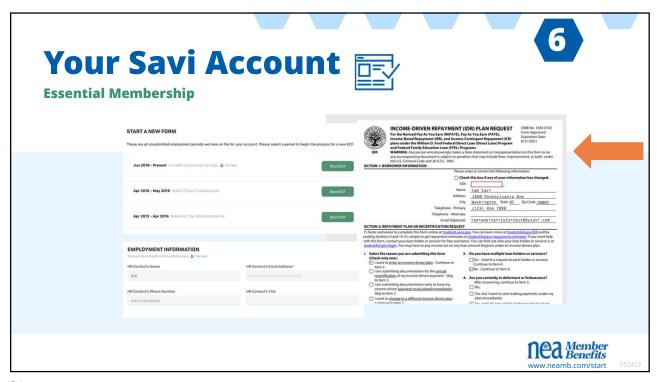


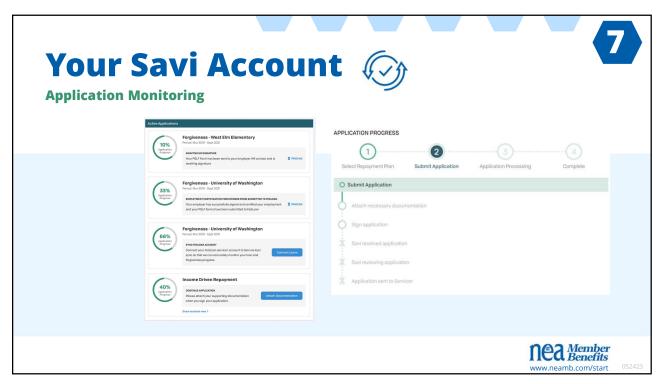


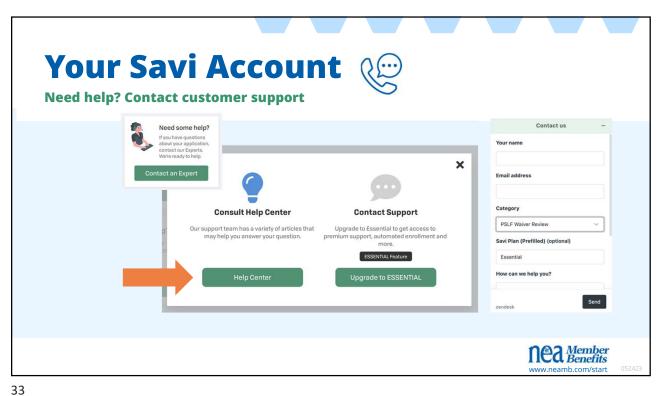












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