



## **White House Student Debt Challenge Income-Driven Repayment Plans**

We need your help in making sure that individuals with student debt are aware of the President's Pay As You Earn and related income-driven repayment plans that enable federal student loan borrowers to repay their student loans successfully. To help reach those who most need support, the Administration has announced a new goal to enroll two million more borrowers in these plans by next spring. The Administration is calling this goal the White House Student Debt Challenge.

The benefit to your employees with federal student loans is clear: they may be able to reduce their monthly loan payments through an income-driven repayment plan. The Pay As You Earn repayment plan, for example, allows borrowers to cap monthly payments at 10 percent of discretionary income. Payments can be as low as \$0. After 20 years of payments, the remaining balance will be forgiven.

Interested employees should take the first step by visiting [StudentLoans.gov/repay](http://StudentLoans.gov/repay) to find the right student loan repayment plan in five steps or less.

Whatever employees decide, they should remember that it's free to consolidate federal student loans, apply for an income-driven repayment plan, or determine loan forgiveness qualification. I frequently tell people: If you're asked to pay, walk away.

**Please share this information with your networks and employees. Sample letters to employees, content for social media, explanatory videos and more outreach tools can be found at [financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov](http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov).**

Please contact Aketa Williams in my office at [Aketa.Williams@ed.gov](mailto:Aketa.Williams@ed.gov) with questions about the challenges or assistance in locating resources.