Student Loan Debt Relief & Repayment Scams

Approximately 743,900 Coloradans owe over $26.7B in federal student loans. During uncertain economic times, unscrupulous people may try to take advantage of you - don’t let them!

Do

- Reach out to your servicer if you expect you won’t be able to make your student loan payments.
- Get the most up-to-date information from your servicer or reliable sources such as a governmental agency.
  - Colorado Attorney General’s Office
  - US. Department of Education
  - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
  - Federal Trade Commission
- Do your research before signing any document or giving money to someone you don’t know.
- Check the status of your federal student loans through the National Student Loan Database System at nslds.ed.gov/npas
- Walk away from anyone who pressures you to pay before they help, demands monthly service fees, or rushes you into signing anything.
- Be cautious before accepting unsolicited offers or help from people or companies you don’t know.
- File a complaint with the Colorado Attorney General’s Office if you find out about a scam at StopFraudColorado.gov.

Don’t

- Don’t be fooled by people pretending to be from the government or your servicer; only call phone numbers and visit websites you know are correct.
- Don’t give money to people who promise to forward your loan payments to your servicer. They likely will keep your money and leave your bills unpaid.
- Don’t provide anyone with any personal information, give them access to your finances or NSLDS account, or sign documents allowing others to take actions on your behalf.
- Don’t believe people who make promises to get your loans immediately forgiven or cancelled. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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If you notice any scams, fraud, price gouging, or other attempts to take advantage of Coloradans during this public health emergency, contact Stop Fraud Colorado at 800-222-4444 or www.StopFraudColorado.gov.