

Financing Your **Legal Education**



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Pursuing a legal education is a significant life decision — one that will allow you to follow numerous professional pathways.

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You may choose to practice law in a corporate firm, pursue a public service law position or use your legal background in another occupation.

Whether you're deciding which school to attend, navigating the admission and financial aid application processes, following your academic journey or building your career, you'll benefit by planning ahead so that you can make the best choices to support your goals.

At Access Group, we know how important it is for you to understand the realities of your student loans and finances. We believe that giving students the tools to establish good financial habits early on will help them stay on the right path, even after graduation.

This guide will walk you through some important information about financing your legal education, address questions you should be asking and offer tools and resources to help you make informed financial decisions every step of the way.

Wherever you are on your journey,
Access Group is here to support you.

Before Law School

The investment in your law degree begins long before your first day of class.

First, figure out which schools you are interested in attending. There's no use spending extra money on admission applications for schools you won't like — or where you aren't likely to be accepted.

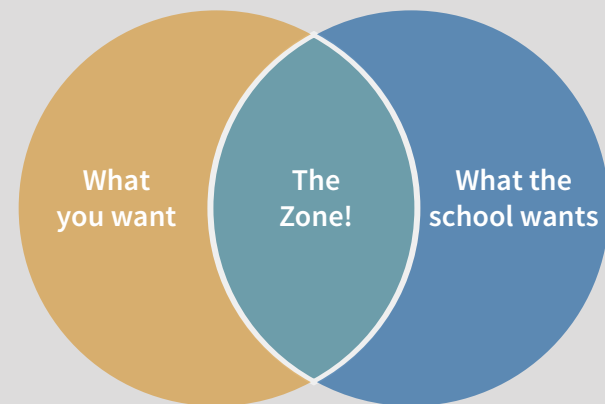
Consider what will make a school a good “fit” for you. Think about factors such as:

- School accreditation status
- Full/part-time enrollment options
- Specialized coursework options
- Learning facilities (library, tech, etc.)
- Student/faculty ratio
- Faculty background
- Internship opportunities
- Graduation rate
- Bar pass rate
- Job placement assistance
- Job placement rate
- Cost of attendance
- Average financial aid award
- Merit-based award availability
- Loan repayment assistance program availability
- Location
- Size of school
- School culture
- Other personal factors

Once you have a sense of what is important to you — and which schools fit your needs — you should also consider whether you are a fit for the schools you choose. That includes your academic background (GPA, LSAT), your personal statement and your letters of recommendation.

The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) offers the LSAC Official Guide to American Bar Association (ABA)-Approved Law Schools. This online tool allows you to search by a variety of aspects to help you narrow down your list. You can also plug in your GPA and LSAT score to determine your likelihood of admission at each ABA school. Check it out at officialguide.lsac.org.

The Application Zone



Before Law School

THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

From a financial perspective, your investment includes taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), using the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and applying for admission. It may also include other expenses such as taking a prep course for your LSAT, paying for transcripts, visiting schools and your moving expenses. Some schools may also require a “seat deposit” to hold your spot in the class (usually due in April), or a tuition deposit (usually due in July).

Keep in mind that expenses incurred before law school differ from those incurred while in school in a key way: you cannot receive federal financial aid to cover expenses incurred prior to attendance. As a result, you need to think about how you will pay for them — and plan ahead to make it happen. Advance planning will also help you reduce avoidable costs, such as LSAT late registration fees or change fees.

Table 1 will help you estimate common expenses you may encounter when preparing for law school. When estimating your expenses, consider that law school applicants typically apply to more than one school. In fact, according to the Law School Admission Council, about half of 2015 applicants applied to five or more schools.

Table 1: Estimate Your Pre Law School Costs

Item(s)	Estimated Cost	Your Estimated Cost
LSAT registration fee*	\$175	\$
Common LSAT auxiliary fees		
Late registration fee	\$90	\$
Test center change	\$90	\$
Test date change	\$90	\$
Returned check or insufficient funds fee	\$30+	\$
Preparation guidebook(s) for LSAT exam	\$15 – \$50+	\$
Sample LSAT exam(s)	Free – \$40+	\$
Preparation course(s) for LSAT exam	\$800 – \$1,500+	\$
Credential Assembly Service (CAS)	\$170	\$
Additional CAS law school reports	\$30/each	\$
Academic transcript(s)	Free – \$10+	\$
Admission application fees*		
School 1	Free – \$90+	\$
School 2	Free – \$90+	\$
School 3	Free – \$90+	\$
School 4	Free – \$90+	\$
School 5	Free – \$90+	\$
School visits (consider costs for transportation, lodging, food, other)		
School visit 1	Varies	\$
School visit 2	Varies	\$
School visit 3	Varies	\$
School visit 4	Varies	\$
School visit 5	Varies	\$
Seat deposit	\$0 – \$500+	\$
Tuition deposit	\$0 – \$500+	\$
Moving expenses	Varies	\$

Your total estimated cost: \$

*LSAT fee waivers available in limited circumstances. For more information regarding fee waivers, visit [LSAC.org/jd/lsat/fee-waivers](https://lsac.org/jd/lsat/fee-waivers). Application fee waivers may also be available. Contact the school for details.

Figures provided are for illustrative purposes. To access the current pricing of LSAT fees, go to [LSAC.org/jd/lsat/lsat-cas-fees](https://lsac.org/jd/lsat/lsat-cas-fees). Costs of other items will vary by provider and school. Be sure to utilize figures specific to your situation to ensure your estimated costs are as accurate as possible.

Financing Law School

Tuition is likely the largest expense you will incur while in law school, but there are many other expenses that you will need to consider in your budget plan. The technical term schools use is “cost of attendance.” This concept is useful as a starting point for your spending plan — and it’s also part of the financial aid equation.

THE COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)

Each school calculates and publishes an estimated cost of attendance (COA). This annually calculated figure generally includes tuition, fees and projected living expenses. Because tuition varies from school to school — as do other costs — your cost of attendance will be different at each institution.

Most schools publish their COA on their websites along with financial aid and scholarship information. If you have questions (or need help finding information), contact the school’s financial aid office directly. You can also use the online calculator at AccessGroup.org/calculator to better understand your unique costs.

ACADEMIC YEAR



Your cost of attendance may only include expenses for nine months. If your school does not include summer as part of the academic year, you need to figure out how to finance those three summer months.

Making strategic financial decisions, like planning to find a summer job or factoring the additional months of expenses into your nine-month budget, may allow you to cover your expenses without taking on additional debt.

ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Now that you know your cost of attendance — and whether that’s for nine or twelve months — you need to determine how to pay for those costs.

If you’re like most people, you won’t be able to simply cover the cost of law school out of pocket. While personal resources (such as personal savings, college savings plans, income from work or assistance from family) are an integral part of the equation for all students, they aren’t always sufficient to cover the full cost of a legal education. Intentional utilization of your personal resources can be a significant factor in reducing the amount of debt you need to take on — which can make a substantial positive impact on your long-term financial goals.

Financial aid is available to help bridge the gap.



GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants and scholarships are the most desirable forms of financial aid, as these are funds you do not need to repay. In law school, grants and scholarships are most often available from the school you attend, or through private or civic sources.

Start your search by contacting the financial aid office at each school you are considering. **The most important thing to find out: *The application deadline!***

- ☐ *What grants and scholarships are available?*
- ☐ *What are the qualifications?*
- ☐ *What is the application deadline?*
- ☐ *Are there any special application procedures?*
- ☐ *What is the process for accepting my scholarship?*
- ☐ *Does it have a service component?*
- ☐ *Will it exceed the tuition costs to cover some of my cost of attendance?*
- ☐ *If I accelerate my education, will it be prorated?*
- ☐ *Will it cover summer courses or study abroad?*
- ☐ *Will it be renewed automatically each year?*
 - ☐ *If so, will it be renewed for the same amount or will it be adjusted?*
 - ☐ *If the amount is adjusted, what are the criteria for making the adjustment?*
 - ☐ *If it is not renewed automatically, may I reapply next year?*
 - ☐ *Does academic performance affect my award?*

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program allows you to work part time, while you are in school, to earn money for your education.

Eligibility for FWS depends on the availability of funds at the law school you are attending, the policies of the school, when you apply for financial assistance and your level of financial need. (Note: Not all law schools participate in the FWS program. Check with the financial aid office to see if the school you plan to attend does.) If you are interested in FWS, be sure to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the school's priority filing deadline. And ask the financial aid office the following questions:

- *How do I find an eligible job?*
- *Are my job choices restricted to certain positions?*
- *Do I need prior approval to work?*
- *Is there a cap on the number of hours I can work while enrolled in law school?*
- *Are jobs available that will give me the opportunity to gain career-related experience?*
- *Can I work off-campus or am I required to work at the school?*
- *What options do I have to replace the FWS award with an alternative source of funding if I ultimately don't work in a FWS job?*

If you are not eligible for FWS, or if your school does not participate, you can still find work on your own to help lower the overall amount you need to borrow.

STUDENT LOANS

Loans allow students to pay their school costs when personal resources, grants and scholarships are insufficient. Student loans are provided through a variety of sources, with varying terms and conditions.

Before taking out a loan, you should research which option is in your best financial interest — and how this debt will impact your future.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

The most common type of student loan is a federal student loan provided by the U.S. Department of Education through the Federal Direct Loan Program. For graduate students (including law students), there are two types of federal loans available (outlined in Table 2). In general, federal loans offer lower interest rates, have no prepayment penalties and have more flexible repayment options than private sector loans. They are also eligible for consideration under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

Table 2: Federal Loan Options for Law Students

Loan Type	Details	Annual and Aggregate Limits
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	<p>Must be enrolled at least half-time</p> <p>Must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen</p> <p>Financial need not required</p> <p>Loan fee is deducted from your total loan amount*</p> <p>Interest rate varies by disbursement year*</p> <p>Repayment begins 6 months after graduation or dropping below half-time enrollment</p> <p>Multiple loan repayment options available, including income-driven plans</p> <p>May be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness</p>	<p>\$20,500 annually</p> <p>\$138,500** total (includes other federal loans received as an undergraduate)</p>
Federal Direct PLUS Loan	<p>Must be enrolled at least half-time</p> <p>Must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen</p> <p>Financial need not required</p> <p>Borrower cannot have adverse credit history</p> <p>Loan fee is deducted from your total loan amount*</p> <p>Interest rate varies by disbursement year*</p> <p>Multiple loan repayment options available, including income-driven plans</p> <p>May be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness</p>	<p>Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received</p> <p>No minimum amount</p>

*To learn what interest rate and fee applies to your loan, go to [StudentAid.ed.gov/interest rates](https://studentaid.ed.gov/interest-rates).

**Students enrolled in certain health profession programs may receive additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan amounts each academic year. Contact your school's financial aid office for details.

STATE AND SCHOOL LOANS

Some states and individual law schools may offer education loan programs. Eligibility for these programs may or may not be based on financial need. These loans may have limited funding or they may be used as “loans of last resort” to assist students who have difficulty obtaining assistance from other sources.

Check with the financial aid office at the school(s) you are considering for information on the availability, terms and application process associated with state and school-based loans. To find out how to contact your state agency, visit [ED.gov/sgt](https://ed.gov/sgt).

PRIVATE LOANS

Private loans are issued by a lender such as a bank or credit union. Private loans are typically used by students when federal loans fail to adequately cover all your law school expenses. Private loans tend to have higher interest rates, may require more stringent credit checks than federal loans and may also require payments while you are in school.



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Private loans typically carry more expensive loan terms than federal loans. Exhaust all sources of scholarship, grant and federal loan borrowing first.
- You cannot receive financial assistance, which includes private loans for in-school periods, in excess of the cost of attendance determined by your school. You may be required to fill out a self-certification form from the lender of your choice before a school can disburse private education loan funds to you.
- Private loans cannot be consolidated into the federal loan program.
- Consider paying interest on loans while you are in school, if paying is an option associated with the loan you borrow. This will minimize the overall debt you are obligated to repay later.
- You do not have to borrow the entire amount of a student loan that is offered to you.

THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Securing financial aid is manageable with the following five general steps. As you apply for and accept financial aid, remember to take advantage of grants and scholarships, work study and your own resources first to reduce the amount you may need to borrow.

1 Get Application and Deadline Specifics

Make sure you understand the financial aid process — and important financial aid deadlines — at each school you are applying to. Ask the following questions, and keep notes for each school:

- *What types of financial aid are available at your school?*
- *Are there any school-based grants or scholarships I can apply for?*
- *What are the required application procedures and forms?*
- *How and where do I obtain the application forms?*
- *What are the application deadline(s)?*

2 Apply for Grants and Scholarships

Grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid, and therefore should be the first types of aid you seek to secure. These may be available from your school, the private sector or government sources.

Start your search by asking the financial aid office at the school(s) you are considering if they have compiled a list of institutional grant and scholarship programs available to their students, along with any application and deadline information. Many schools also keep a list of external scholarships — be sure to ask.

3 Determine Your Eligibility for Federal Student Aid

Eligibility for federal student aid is based on several requirements. As a reminder, federal student aid for graduate students is limited primarily to the federal work-study and federal loan programs. To receive federal aid, you must:

- *Be enrolled at least half-time in a degree-seeking program at an institution eligible for federal student aid*
- *Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as defined by your school*
- *Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen*
- *Have a valid Social Security number*
- *Be registered with the Selective Service, if you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25*
- *Certify that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant*
- *Certify that you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes*

You can learn more about the general requirements above by visiting the U.S. Department of Education's website at [StudentAid.ed.gov/eligible](https://studentaid.ed.gov/eligible).

If you find yourself ineligible for federal student aid, contact the financial aid office at the law school(s) you want to attend as soon as possible to explore other funding options.

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4 Apply for Federal Student Aid at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

To apply for federal student aid available through the U.S. Department of Education, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). This form is free to complete and its completion is required to be considered for federal aid.

The FAFSA becomes available on October 1 of the year prior to your school start. Be sure to file as soon after that as possible — and definitely before the earliest priority filing deadline of any of your potential schools. (This may be as early as December 1 of the year prior to enrollment.)

5 Review Your Financial Aid Awards — and Accept “The One!”

After you submit the necessary financial aid documents, and your school has completed its review, you will receive a financial aid award notice (or “letter”) containing information about the aid you are eligible to receive.

Review each award letter you receive carefully. If you are applying to more than one school, review each award letter and compare the types and amount of aid at each school.

Once you have decided which school to attend and the financial aid package to accept, follow the instructions in the award letter and return it (or complete it online) before the deadline.

Remember to explore any available state aid and associated deadlines at [FAFSA.ed.gov/deadlines/htm](https://fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines/htm).



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- **You do not have to borrow the full amount of any loan you are offered.** *The more you borrow now, the more you will be obligated to repay in the future.*
- **The financial aid process is an annual occurrence.** *You will need to reapply for federal aid every year, as well as complete new or renewable scholarship applications.*
- **Compare the cost of attendance for each school you are considering.** *If one school has significantly higher costs for either tuition or living expenses, it could mean you will need to borrow more to attend that school. Even if you are offered the same or more in scholarships, be sure to calculate the out-of-pocket cost for each.*
- **Review the terms of any scholarships offered.** *Is it renewable? Are there contingencies on the renewal, such as maintaining a high GPA or demonstrating similar financial need in subsequent years? Will meeting any criteria be problematic for you in the future?*
- **Most financial aid award packages will include some student loans.** *Which loan products are offered? What are the interest rates? Are the rates variable or fixed? What fees are assessed?*
- **What loan repayment options are available, including loan forgiveness?**
- **Cost is but one factor to consider when choosing a law school.** *Other factors might include: accreditation, class size, degrees offered, diversity, student/faculty ratio, job placement rates, location, and library resources.*
- **You are free to discuss offers of financial aid you received from other institutions and inquire about the ability for a particular school to match or better an offer to best determine comparability.**



FAFSA FILING AND FOLLOW UP

Get your information together, including:

- ☐ FSA ID and password or other log in information that the Department of Education may require (create your FSA ID or reset your password at [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov))
- ☐ Social Security number (or Alien Registration number if you are an eligible non-citizen)
- ☐ Completed tax return and W2s (or other income records)
- ☐ Bank and investment account statements (if applicable)
- ☐ Untaxed income records (if applicable)

Be sure to mark “Yes” to the question asking if you will be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as a J.D.) so you will be considered financially independent by the federal government. Your dependency status and enrollment in a graduate program affect the amount and types of aid you may be eligible to receive.

After your FAFSA has been completed and processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR details the information you provided on your FAFSA. Review it carefully to make sure there are no errors. (If you find errors, you can correct them by going to [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) and the “Make FAFSA Corrections” section.) On the SAR you will also find your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is used to help determine your federal student aid eligibility.

The schools you list on your FAFSA will automatically receive your FAFSA data. To add more than ten schools (the FAFSA limit), or to alter the schools you listed, you can:

- 1 Log into [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov), go to “Make FAFSA Corrections” and then go to the “School Selection” page.
- 2 For other ways to add schools — or for other FAFSA questions — go to [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) or call the Department of Education’s Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID.

You may be selected for a process called FAFSA verification. If so, your school(s) may ask you to document specific information or complete a form. Do so as quickly as possible to ensure the most accurate financial aid award and to allow financial aid disbursement to occur on time.

Table 3 can help you compare your total out-of-pocket expenses for one year of school. You will want to think through the financial impact of your entire educational journey — and what opportunities you may have each year to change this equation (summer job, scholarships, etc.).

Table 3: School Cost Comparison

	School 1	School 2	School 3
Total Cost of Attendance (COA)	\$	\$	\$
Financial aid			
Grants	\$	\$	\$
Scholarships	\$	\$	\$
Loan 1 (must be repaid)	\$	\$	\$
Loan 2 (must be repaid)	\$	\$	\$
Total financial aid	\$	\$	\$
COA minus total financial aid = out-of-pocket costs	\$	\$	\$
Other considerations	\$	\$	\$

While finances may be a significant element in your school selection equation, remember to include all of your “fit factors” in your school choice selection.

In addition to repaying your student loans, there are other expenses to keep in mind after graduation. To obtain a license to practice law, graduates are generally required to apply for bar admission through a state board of bar examiners. Typical expenses include bar exam registration fees, study materials and training courses, and living expenses.

Table 4 will help you estimate the costs you may encounter after law school and prior to employment. The sooner you understand the expenses you are likely to face following law school, the better positioned you will be to manage these costs responsibly.

Table 4: Common Costs Incurred Following Law School

Item/Description	Your Estimated Cost
Bar exam fee and other state-specific requirements*	\$
State 1	\$
State 2	\$
State 3	\$
Travel and lodging costs associated with bar exam	\$
Bar study class(es)	\$
Bar study material(s)	\$
Living expenses while preparing for bar exam	\$
Living expenses following the bar exam	\$
Interview costs	\$
Moving costs	\$

Your total estimated cost: \$

Costs for items above may vary by state or by provider of preparation material and courses. Be sure to factor in costs specific to your situation to ensure your budget and spending roadmap is as accurate as possible.

**Some states provide bar reciprocity. While an additional state exam may not be necessary, reciprocity fees still apply. Check for state-specific opportunities and costs.*

After Law School

MANAGING BAR EXAM EXPENSES

Some costs — but not all — related to taking the bar can be added to your COA for the purpose of federal student aid.

Allowable costs include fees to take the exam, and costs of applying for and obtaining the license. For purposes of federal student aid, this allowance may only be provided one time per student. Consequently, if you plan to take the bar exam in more than one state, you may want to consider requesting that the exam with the highest cost be factored into your COA.

Also, be aware that these fees must be paid during a period of enrollment and not after — even if the exam is after the period of enrollment.

Finally, the cost of bar preparation courses may only be considered within the COA if the course is part of an eligible program offered by the institution in which you are enrolled, and you incur such costs during the time you are enrolled. Speak to your financial aid office for more information as to what is offered at your institution.

If personal resources and financial aid are insufficient to meet the costs associated with preparing for the bar exam, private bar loans may be another option to explore. Speak with your financial aid office for advice on how to manage costs and minimize debt.

PLAN AHEAD: SAVE THROUGHOUT SCHOOL

While some federal financial aid and private loans are available to help you pay the costs associated with the bar exam, careful planning could help you avoid borrowing or reduce the overall amount you may need to borrow.

For example, consider saving \$20 a week during law school. Over the course of three years, \$20 a week totals over \$3,000 — even if you're not getting interest.

Amount/ Week	3 Years (No interest)	3 Years (5% annual interest)	10 Years (No interest)	10 Years (5% annual interest)
\$10	\$1,560	\$1,681	\$5,200	\$6,706
\$20	\$3,120	\$3,362	\$10,400	\$13,412
\$50	\$7,800	\$8,404	\$26,000	\$33,529

MANAGING YOUR FINANCES

Managing your finances may not seem like a priority when you're contemplating your educational journey. But with all of the expenses associated with obtaining a law degree, you need a plan.

A spending plan can help you figure out exactly what you're dealing with from a financial perspective — and can keep you aware of how much money you have available to meet your needs now, while helping you reduce debt and reach your long-term financial goals.

To help you assess your financial situation, Access Group provides a [budget and loan calculator](#). This tool will allow you to make informed decisions about borrowing, your spending plan and your future federal student loan repayment options — before, during and after law school.

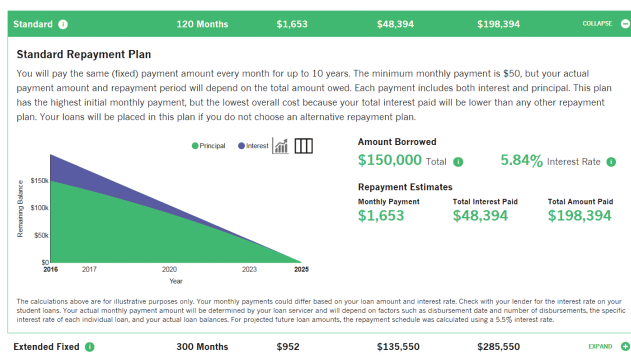
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ACCESS GROUP LOAN CALCULATOR

Simply go online to AccessGroup.org/calculator, choose your student status and get started. This tool will walk you through common expenses you will incur and will allow you to plug in your financial resources (including student loans) to give you a clear financial snapshot.

Gaining a solid understanding of your expenses will help you to borrow only what is needed when pursuing your law degree, allowing you to be in a better financial position after graduation. Take some time to play around with your figures to see where you might be able to make adjustments. This might include:

- Look for creative ways to reduce your spending (ditch your cable TV, downgrade your phone plan, change your living situation, pack a lunch more often)
- Take on part-time work to increase income (or use your talents to do freelance project work)
- Build an emergency fund to cover unexpected expenses
- Borrow the absolute minimum you need



The Access Group Loan Calculator: AccessGroup.org/calculator

FINANCIAL TIPS

While you can't take on everything at once, creating a spending plan is a great first step. In the months and years ahead, you'll also want to work on your financial capability — it's part of the standard of moral character you'll need to address on many state bar exams.

- Set and prioritize your financial goals — immediate, short-term and long-term goals. Keep them in front of you, and act on them.
- Plan ahead to skip the unnecessary “little” expenses that can add up — like ATM and late fees, lunches out or parking fines.
- Keep accurate, well-organized records of your financial activities.
- Work on building a positive credit history. Make bill payments on time and keep the number of credit cards you have in check.
- Safeguard your identity. Shred documents with personal information, keep your Social Security card out of your wallet and don't give out your information online or over the phone unless you can verify the source. (And keep those passwords and passphrases sneaky and invisible, too.)
- Do a yearly financial checkup. Reapply for financial aid (if you're going to be in school next year), check your credit report (annualcreditreport.com), re-evaluate your spending plan and make adjustments.
- Loan forgiveness options and loan repayment assistance programs (LRAPs) may be available to you — especially if you are considering a career in public service. Check with your school for LRAP options and check out studentaid.gov/publicservice for federal programs.



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Helpful Resources

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As a nonprofit, mission-driven organization, Access Group has over 30 years of experience helping students just like you follow a sound financial path.

- Website: AccessGroup.org
- Student Loan Calculator: AccessGroup.org/calculator
- Access Assist: AccessGroup.org/access-assist
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- FSA ID website: FSAID.ed.gov
- Federal Student Loan website: StudentLoans.gov
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness website: StudentAid.ed.gov/publicservice



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