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## Closed School Discharge

Dear Student,

You may be eligible for discharge of your Direct Loans and FFEL Program loans under either of these circumstances:

- Your school closes while you're enrolled, and you do not complete your program because of the closure. Any **federal student loan** obtained to pay your cost of attendance at that school could be discharged. If you were on an approved leave of absence, you are considered to have been enrolled at the school.
- Your school closes within 90 days after you withdraw.
- Note: You are not eligible for discharge of your Direct Loans or FFEL Program loans if your school closes and any of the following is true:
  - You withdraw more than 90 days before the school closes.
  - You are completing a comparable educational program at another school. If you complete such a program at another school after your loan is discharged, you might have to pay back the amount of the discharge.
  - You have completed all the coursework for the program, but you have not received a diploma or certificate.

Additionally, you might need your academic records if you plan to attend another school and want to have your coursework at the closed school taken into consideration. So it will be important for you to obtain your academic and financial aid records if your school closes. Contact the state licensing agency in the state in which the school was located to ask whether the state made arrangements to keep the records. The records might also be useful in substantiating your claim for a loan discharge.

To receive a closed school discharge application, contact your [loan servicer](#).

For answers to questions about your closed school, call the appropriate person on the list of [Closed School Customer Service Contacts](#).

For more information on the closed school loan forgiveness, please visit our webpage, [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).