The Ice Berg Awaits

Don't cower in port. Don't stupidly sail smack into the middle of it. Be smart - know where you're going and what you need to get there. Use student loans wisely to reach your dreams.

\$10,000	
10 years	@ 5.0%

\$10,000 - principle \$2727 - interest \$12,727 - Total paid

\$106.07 per month

\$20,000 10 years @ 5.0%

\$20,000 principle \$5455 interest \$25,455 - Total paid

\$212.13 per month

\$10,000 5 years @ 5.0%

\$10,000 principle \$1322 interest \$11,322 - Total paid

\$188.71 per month

\$20,000

5 years @ 5.0%

\$20,000 principle \$2645 interest \$22,645 - Total paid

\$377.42 per month

4 year college student debt avg in 2017 - \$37,500

\$37,500 10 years @ 5%

\$37,500 principle \$10,229 interest \$47,729 - Total paid

\$397.75 per month

\$70,000 10 years @ 5%

\$70,000 principle \$19,095 interest \$89,095 - Total paid

\$742.46 per month

\$37,500 5 years @ 5%

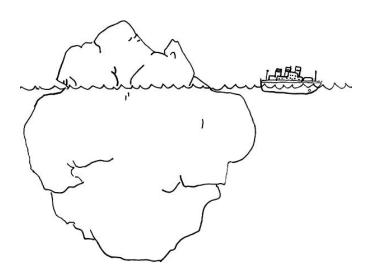
\$37,500 principle \$4960 interest \$42,460 - Total paid

\$707.67 per month

2017 Toyota Camry - base \$23,070 2017 Ford F-150 reg cab - base \$28,405 2017 Mercedes Benz - entry level \$34,475

Federal Student Loans are better than regular bank loans...but you need to know which one you have...

Don't forget you cannot get out of student loan debt. You cannot declare bankruptcy. You cannot have the car repossessed by the bank to pay off the debt or lose your home to bank foreclosure to pay off the debt. The debt is yours - til death do us part. So make sure that you know what you are doing.



The Best – (Federal) Stafford Subsidized Student Loan

A subsidized loan means that you do not accrue any interest on the loan until you are finished with school. You must be going at least half time - and interest will not add to the loan balance. And don't forget that with a Stafford and a Perkins that you are not responsible for any repayment - until you finish school.

Stafford Subsidized – 4.45%

Perkins Subsidized - 5.0%

OK – (Federal) Stafford Unsubsidized Student Loan

An unsubsidized student loan means that you do accrue interest on the loan as you go to school. So interest is adding up behind the scenes. And don't forget that with a Stafford unsubsidized that you are not responsible for any repayment - until you finish school.

Stafford Unsubsidized – 4.45%

Stafford Loans are often referred to as National Direct Student Loans - Same thing...

The Worst – (Federal) Unsubsidized Parent Plus Loan

Not good. Not subsidized. No school grace period. In your Parents name. They are responsible for repayment. Pay the month after the loan is signed.

Often times colleges will fill out your financial aid package with Parent Plus Loans. Both you and your parents want to limit exposure to these loans.

Parent Plus - 7.0%