



STATE OF CONNECTICUT STUDENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Administered by the Office of Higher Education

What is it?

In 2024, the General Assembly approved the development of a [Student Loan Reimbursement Program](#), aimed at providing financial relief to Connecticut residents burdened with student loan debt. Applicants will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis and receive up to \$5,000 a year with a \$20,000 cap over four years.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be current Connecticut residents and have lived in the state for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years immediately prior to the date on their application.

Applicants must have an outstanding student loan balance, and during 2024 have paid toward a federal direct loan, federal direct PLUS loan, federal Perkins loan, CHESLA loan or other state-sponsored student loan. -

Applicants must have graduated from a Connecticut public or private college or university with a degree or have earned an occupation/professional license or certificate.*

Applicants must have a Connecticut adjusted gross income of not more than \$125,000 for single applicants, or \$175,000 for married applicants in 2023.

Applicants must have volunteered for at least 50 hours after January 1, 2024. These hours must be completed at a [CT Non-Profit Organization exempt from Federal taxation \(Section 501\(c\)\(3\)\)](#), in municipal government, or through military service. Proof of volunteer documentation must be notarized.

Application Process

The Office of Higher Education, in partnership with its contracted IT specialist, NELNET, is developing a Student Loan Reimbursement Program (SLRP) program within the agency's **CT SCHOLARS** portal. In August 2025, applicants may begin their application by navigating to the **CT SCHOLARS** portal where they'll be instructed to create an account, complete an application and upload required **documents** for acceptance consideration. [Click Here for what documents you will need to verify your eligibility.](#) Applications are not considered ready for approval until ALL documents have been submitted.

[QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO OHE.SLRP@CT.GOV](mailto:OHE.SLRP@CT.GOV)

* A hardship waiver may be requested if a degree was not completed due to personal or family medical or financial circumstances.