

Steps to Properly Inventory Your Student Loans

Gather Information for **Federal Loans**

The best source is the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

1. Visit [NSLDS.ed.gov](https://www.nsls.ed.gov)
2. Click the Financial Aid Review button
3. Enter the following information:
 - a. Your Social Security number
 - b. The first 2 letters of your last name
 - c. Your date of birth
 - d. Your PIN (get it at pin.ed.gov)
4. You'll see a summary page and can click the blue numbers in the far left column to find more detail on each loan
5. Click to download an ugly .txt file chock full of important details

Gather Information for **Private Loans**

The best source is your credit report.

1. Visit annualcreditreport.com
2. Click Request your free credit reports button
3. Fill out a form
4. Pick one (one will suffice) of the 3 credit reports
5. Request and Review your reports online
6. Save the report as a .pdf file