Our Mission

The American Federation of Teachers is a union of professionals that champions fairness, democracy, economic opportunity, and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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Are you ready to take the next step in engaging your members?

Contact AFT Higher Education at debtclinic@aft.org to start setting up a Student Debt Clinic program with your affiliate.
If you’ve answered “yes,” you need to attend an AFT Student Debt Clinic!

AFT Student Debt Clinics cover the landscape of free and underused federal programs that help many student loan borrowers lower their monthly payments and, in some cases, even have their debt forgiven. In a 90-minute session, AFT Student Debt Clinics provide:

- Information on how to enroll in income-driven student loan repayment programs;
- Help in enrolling in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program;
- Opportunities to interact with members who haven’t been engaged with their union;
- A curriculum that demonstrates the power of our union in improving the lives of AFT members and the people in our communities;
- A resource to help persuade union members to become activists and leaders.

We can help you set up a Student Debt Clinic for your members or prospective members, and can train you on how to provide member-to-member debt clinics.