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## Wayne County and SAVI team up to address student debt crisis

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***Wayne County and Savi Team Up to Address Student Debt Crisis for Wayne County Government Employees and Residents***

*The partnership could reach more than 200,000 student loan borrowers in Wayne County*

Wayne County has announced a new partnership with [Savi](#), a social impact leader specializing in student loan and education tools and benefits, that will enable student loan borrowers to reduce their debt burden at no cost. Through this partnership, Wayne County employees and residents will have access to Savi's platform and services where they can find new repayment plans or forgiveness options. Both Savi and Wayne County aim to help borrowers save millions of dollars on student loan payments.

The announcement comes as more than 40 million borrowers nationwide continue to navigate the federal student loan landscape ahead of changes coming this summer. Savi's partnership with Wayne County is expected to provide education and support to more than 200,000 student loan borrowers who carry an average student loan debt of more than

\$37,000. With Savi, employees and residents in the county will be able to manage their loans on a single platform, apply digitally for federal programs, identify potential savings, connect with Savi's student loan experts one-on-one, and access educational resources. In the months ahead, Savi will also add new features for college financial planning for families, including how to pay for college.

"I'm excited to have Savi as a partner in our commitment to helping all employees and residents in Wayne County tackle one of the biggest roadblocks to financial freedom – student debt," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans.

"We look forward to working with them to provide our affected residents with the resources they need to lift this burden and get back on their feet."

Borrowers who use Savi can save \$38,980 over their lifetime through applicable relief programs. To date, Savi has helped borrowers find more than \$5 billion in higher education savings.

"We commend Wayne County for tackling the student debt crisis and for standing up for their community," said Aaron Smith, co-founder of Savi. "Through this program, Wayne County is putting money back into the pockets of its community members while helping them reduce their financial stress. We're thrilled to partner with Wayne County to educate borrowers on their student loan options, help them access forgiveness programs, and navigate a system that's become incredibly complex."

Savi also has partnerships with eight counties in Michigan, including Ionia, Iosco County, Kent, Oakland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, and Sanilac.

"Savi was founded on the belief that no one should be held back by a system too complex to navigate alone," said Tobin Van Ostern, co-founder of Savi. "This partnership with Wayne County is a powerful example of what's possible when local leaders step up to meet their communities where they are — turning complexity into clarity for hundreds of thousands of borrowers who deserve better."

Savi's platform and benefits will be available to all Wayne County employees and residents. All users can create an account and log in at [waynecountymi.bysavi.com](https://waynecountymi.bysavi.com) at no cost. Once users have created an account, they will have access to Savi's Student Loan Guidance platform, educational resources and events, and one-on-one support from Savi's team of student loan experts.

### **About Savi**

*Savi is an industry leader in student loan and education benefits that empowers people to save money on student loans and explore new education options through its AI-enabled platform and 1:1 expert support.*

*Since 2017, Savi has helped borrowers find more than \$5 billion in higher education savings across 10,000+ employers and membership groups, including AARP, MetLife, NEA, TIAA, and more.*

*Founded by longtime student loan experts and advocates Aaron Smith and Tobin Van Ostern, the public benefit company is backed by top investors, including Nyca Partners and Emerson Collective. For more information on Savi, visit [www.bysavi.com](http://www.bysavi.com).*

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