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### **New Online Tool Provides Information for Prospective Graduate Students**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Education Finance Council (EFC), the national trade association representing nonprofit and state-based student loan organizations, announces the launch of a new online tool for prospective graduate students. The tool was built to guide students through the often-daunting process of planning, applying, and paying for graduate school and complements existing resources to assist undergraduate students and families.

“Graduate school is becoming an increasingly popular choice for both traditional and non-traditional students who are looking to grow and develop the skills that will help them advance in their careers. Earning a graduate degree is often a valuable investment in the future, but with the cost of tuition on the rise it’s more important than ever to help prospective students evaluate their options and choose the right program of study and financing,” said EFC President Debra J. Chromy, Ed.D.

“We are pleased to draw on the expertise of our state-based, nonprofit members and their decades of experience working directly with students and families to launch this tool that will guide prospective students through this process and help them make these important decisions.”

This new resource for prospective graduate students is part of [www.foryounotforprofit.org](http://www.foryounotforprofit.org), a website that helps families more easily navigate the process of planning, saving, and paying for college and now graduate school. The site features expert content and guidance for students and their families with everything from filing the FAFSA to decoding financial aid offers to choosing a student loan repayment plan.

The site also allows families to explore the low-cost loan and refinancing programs offered by nonprofit and state-based entities and find free, expert counseling and assistance with all aspects of the college planning, application, and decision-making process.

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*Education Finance Council (EFC) is the national trade association representing nonprofit and state-based student loan organizations that are dedicated to improving college access, success, and affordability in their states and nationwide.*