# Top 5 Reasons to Offer \& Grow Private Student Loans in 2023 

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## Fistudent Choice

## © <br> Credit unions started jumping into this space during the Great Recession



There are now 700+ credit unions putting private student loans on their balance sheets, with a net charge off rate well under $1 \%$.

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## What is the total education finance market size?



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## Surging Consumer Demand

## Enrollment is on the rise

## Historical and Projected Undergraduate Enrollment

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Freshman undergraduate enrollment up 4.3\% overall


Up 1.8\%
at Private 4-year
Colleges /
Universities


Up 3.9\%
at Public 4-year
Colleges /
Universities
https://nscresearchcenter.org/current-term-enrollment-estimates/

ON AVERAGE: It will cost $\$ 55,800 /$ year to attend a private not-forprofit university and $\$ \mathbf{2 7 , 3 0 0}$ for an in-state public university


Increases to college costs have slowed . . .

From 2012 to 2022, college costs increased by $14 \%$ (private) and 11\% (public)

NEW-VEHICLE AVERAGE TRANSACTION PRICE

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New vehicle costs increased 52\%

## - ... But that is about to change.

Annual Percentage Change in
Inflation-Adjusted Published Tuition and Fees
Relative to 1990-91 (1990-91 = 1.0)



## Yes, college is worth the investment.

By age 34, a bachelor degree recipient has accrued more earnings than those without a degree - even when paying off their college loans.


A college degree recipient is 50\% less likely to be unemployed than those without a degree

Largest gap between the bachelor's degree recipients and high school graduates is immediately following the Great Recession. (Dec. 2007 - June 2009)


## Cultivate Productive Young Adult Member Relationships

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| Future Needs/Goals: Pay down debt and retire | Future Needs/Goals: Start aggressively saving, purchase new car, buy first home, sell home and upgrade, replace car, start investing, pay down debt and retire |

## PSLs lead to wallet share growth

Members between ages 31-37 with PSL tend to have a deeper member relationship with their credit union.
27.4\% also took out a credit union credit card
\% of Members Aged 31-37
w/CU Mortgage Loans


Two for One

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## Strong and Stable Performance

## (4) Performance considerations



## What Risk?

Federal Student Loan 90+ Day Delinquency record lows

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(Just kidding ;-)
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Performance considerations

15 Years of Performance Insight on Credit Union Originated PSLs


- Annualized Gross Charge-offs below 2\% over full economic cycles
- Consistent and stable 60DD and Charge-offs
- Credit Union portfolios out-performing Fintech/Banks


## What is unique about PSLs?

## School certification is a significant risk mitigator and plays a key role in stable, longterm loan performance.

Every private student loan is certified by the University

- Borrower's requested loan amount is reviewed by the university to ensure that no excess funds are allowed beyond the approved academic year costs.
- Funds are disbursed directly to university bursar offices and applied directly against student account.
- Every semester/quarter, university reviews student progress to verify they are doing well academically and on schedule to graduate. If not, no additional loan proceeds are sent to the student borrower.
- In 97\% of undergraduate private student loans, a coborrower is included on the note.


## High-Earning Yield with a Long Duration

## (1) Profitability \& other considerations

Profitability $=2.31 \%$ net yield


## Liquidity Challenges

Loan Composition - Detailed


Resources

- Program Build
- School certification
- Servicing complexity
- FTE Requirements
- Technology demands
- Marketing expertise
- Audit requirements
- Seasonality pressure


## Working with a CUSO



## Getting Started



## Basic blast email to members

- Add information about federal student loan payments and interest resuming after 6/30/23
- Be transparent about potential federal student loan benefits



## Share private student loan content

- Newsletter
- Branch screens
- Social channels



## Staff training and provide resources

- Help staff feel comfortable discussing the programs and directing members.




## Come play in ours!

Other asset classes arriving soon.


Other Benefits to consider and Wrap-Up

Created program to help unique membership base of utility and energy workers, many of whom attend trade schools

- Borrowing limits between \$1,000-\$25,000
- Repayment terms of 3,5, or 7 years
- Rates currently as low as 6.99\% (fixed rate)
- UECU's Business Development Team manages relationships with partner schools and presents at career/recruitment fairs to highlight the program to potential borrowers
- UECU is considering other partner schools to grow the program further
- Like with standard program, Student Choice handles the application process, including school certifications and disbursement of loans, as well as servicing
- \$1.4B in Assets
- 46,000 Members
- Located in Reading, PA
- Launched Energy Trade School Private Education Loan in June 2022



## Thank you!

## FStudent Choice

creditunions.studentchoice.org


[^0]:    Source: 5300 Reporting \& Callahan Peer to Peer

