

Planning for the Transition to Retirement January 2025

The Pension Boards

Greetings and Introductions



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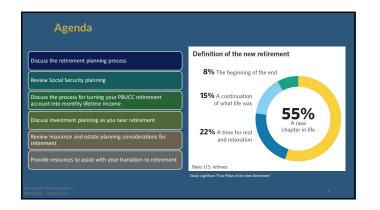


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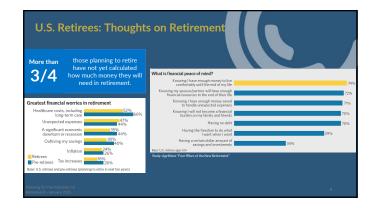
Mission of the Pension Boards

Operating at the intersection of faith and finance, we are caring professionals partnering with those engaged in the life of the Church to provide valued services leading to greater financial security and wellness.













The	Retirement Planning Process	
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	How do you get there?	

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Category	Monthly Expense	Expect to Increase or Decrease?	Opportunity to decrease or eliminate?
Utilities	\$375	-	Energy efficient light bulbs/weather stripping /smart thermostat
Charitable Giving	\$500	-	If required
Groceries	\$450	-	Meal planning to help avoid food waste
Housing	\$1,200	-	If required
Entertainment	\$200	-	Cut 2 of 3 streaming services
Transportation	\$350	-	Combine trips to save on gas, properly inflate tires
Health/Car/Life Insurance	\$850	Yes	Review insurances coverages on annual basis/bundle coverages/reduce or eliminate unneeded protection
Debt & Other Categories	\$300	Decrease	Expect to pay off auto loan in 36-months/credit cards in 6 months
TOTAL:	\$4,250	-	

Category	Monthly Income	Do I expect to increase or decrease?
Social Security (personal)	\$1,500	Increase
Social Security (spousal)	\$1,000	Increase
Pension(s)	\$1,000	?
Retirement Plan Distributions	\$500	Increase
Earned Income	\$400	Increase
Passive Income	\$100	?
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$4,500	?
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	\$4,250	?





Options to Help Address a Short-Fall Include:

Postpone your retirement Work part-time in retirement Reduce expenses in retirement



Review your investments

Discuss your retirement situation with a Fidelity Financial Planner by calling 1.800.642.6543, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. ET

You Can't Stop Inflation But You Can Plan For It

Chicken, per lb.	\$1.05	\$2.06
Electricity, per KWH	\$0.09	\$0.18
Eggs, per doz.	\$1.18	\$4.15
Milk, per gal.	\$2.68	\$4.10
Source: https://data.bls.gov/toppicks?survey=ap		

 Ways to Save More for Retirement through the Pension Boards

 Prior to annuitizing your PBUCC retirement plan?

 • Personal Contributions: 2025 Tax Year

 • Up to age 49: 523,500

 • Ages 50: 531,000

 • Ages 60, 61, 62, 63: \$34,750

 • Rollover an Oxtside retirement Account:

 • Rollover an outside retirement Account:

 • Rollover an outside retirement account into PBUCC for professional investment management

 After annuitizing your PBUCC retirement plan?

 • If you annuitized but are still working, continue accumulating funds for retirement

 You can update your personal contributions by calling

 Fidelity through PBUCC Member Services at 800-842-6543, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. ET.

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\$ •	Allocate a little extra each month toward debts
	Pay extra toward highest interest rate debt
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	Transfer balances to lower rate debt
Ise the Sn	wball Debt Elimination calculator on PBUCC.ORG > Financial Wellness > Financial Calculator

What is a credit report?	A summary of your bill paying history; current and past accounts A list of all credit inquires Used to help calculate your credit score
Why is it important to review?	According to the FTC, one in five people have at least one error on their credit report
What to look for?	Errors in payment history Accounts you did not open or inquiries you did not make Incorrect spelling of name or address
What if you find an error?	Contact the credit agency and the respective creditor. Follow-up until it's fixed

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Social Security: How Are Your Benefits Calculated?

How is my benefit calculated?

• Retirement Benefits: <u>Top 35 years of earnings</u> are used to determine Social Security benefit at your full retirement age (FRA) - age 65 to 67 depending on date of birth.



• Spousal Benefits: Up to 50% of spouse's FRA

Collect Early	As early as age 62	Monthly Benefit Amounts Differ Based on the Age You Decide to Start Receiving Benefits This cample assume a benefit of \$5,000 at a full retirement age of or 1000
Collect at FRA	Full Retirement Age (FRA) 65 – 67: • Age 67 for those born 1960 or later	4000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000
Delay Past FRA	Delay up until age 70 • 8% increase (per year) after FRA	2 0 62 63 64 66 66 67 68 69 73 Age You Choose to Start Receiving Benefits

If You Are:	You Can Make Up To: *	If You Make More, Some Benefits Will Be Withheld:
Under Full Retirement Age	^{\$} 23,400/yr. (^{\$} 1,950/mo.)	^{\$} 1 for every ^{\$} 2
The Year Full Retirement Age is Reached	\$62,160/yr. (^{\$} 5,180/mo.)	^{\$} 1 for every ^{\$} 3
Month of Full Retirement Age and Above	No Limit	No Limit

Filing Status	"Combined Income	'Limits*	Must pay taxes on up to
Individual Return	\$25,000 - \$34,000		50% of benefit
Individual Return	Over \$34,000		85% of benefits
Joint Return	\$32,000 - \$44,000		50% of benefit
Joint Return	Over \$44,000		85% of benefits
"Combined Income" is cal + Your Adjusted Gross In + ½ of your Social Securit + Nontaxable Interest	come	Sec	more about how taxes on Social urity are determined visit: venefits/retirement/planner/taxes.htr

Social Security FAQs

- I am divorced, can I collect a spousal benefit from my ex-spouse's earnings record? **Yes**, if the following is true:
- You must have been married for 10 years or more
- You must be at least age 62 and unmarried
 Divorce must have been finalized for 2 years or more if under FRA
 Ex-spouse must be at least 62 and eligible for benefits

If my ex-spouse collects on my earnings record, does that impact my Social Security Retirement Benefit?

No, Spousal Benefits (whether from a current or ex-spouse) have NO impact on your Social Security
 Retirement Benefit.

Social Security FAQs

Can I switch from collecting my own benefit to a spousal benefit later when I am eligible?

 Yes, you could collect your own benefit as early as age 62 and then switch to a spousal benefit if it's higher down the road. However, your spousal benefit would be reduced if you collected your own benefit prior to your full retirement age.

I am married, what happens to our Social Security benefits when one of us passes away?_____

• The surviving spouse is permitted to collect only one benefit. In effect, the survivor spouse will receive the higher of the two benefits

Social Security FAQs

Could my benefit increase if I continue to work?

• Since Social Security looks at your highest average 35 years of earnings, it's possible your benefit could increase

When should I collect? Considerations include:

- Current cash needs
- Life expectancy of you and your spouse
- Will you work prior to FRA?

Discuss your Social Security decision with a Fidelity Retirement Planner via PBUCC Member Services at 1.800.642.6543, Mon to Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

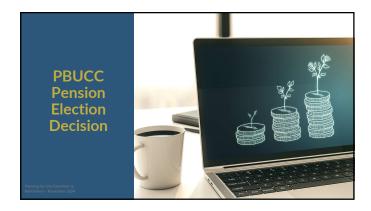
How to Start Collecting

- Contact the Social Security Administration the year before you plan to retire if you're retiring in (or before) the year you reach your full retirement age
- Apply 3 months before your retirement date

Visit vimeo.com/pbucc for a recent presentation on Social Security Basics

How to Contact SSA: • Phone: 800-773-1213 • Website: www.ssa.gov • In-Person: Find your closest office at www.ssa.gov







When to start

Percentage to annuitize?

Which Annuity fund?

What form of payment?

Consider the following when deciding:



Your Accumulations: You may annuitize <u>0-100%</u> of your accumulation balance. The remainder will remain invested, and is:

- Available to continue investing •
- Available for withdrawal (minus 20% federal tax withholding)

Your Employer's Accumulations: In most cases, you must annuitize 80-100% of the employer's accumulations. The remainder remain invested, and is: SAME OPTIONS AS YOUR ACCUMULATIONS

Available to roll-over tax free into another qualified retirement account

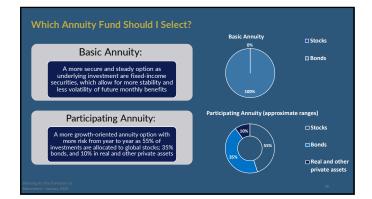
If You Leave Remainder of your Balance in the PBUCC Pla

Withdrawals are eligible to be claimed as housing allowance. If you elect to roll over these withdrawals from the Pension Boards, you will lose the ability to claim them as housing allowance

Investments continue to grow tax-deferred until withdrawn.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PBUCC}}$ investment team engages in responsible investing by doing good and doing well for its members

Funds are 100% inheritable



Pension Payment Option	Benefit Description
The Single Life Annuity (100%)	Lifetime benefits paid to you. No beneficiary option.
The Single Life Annuity Option With 10-Year Guarantee	 Lifetime benefits paid to you. If you die during the first 10 years of payments, the same monthly payments will continue to be paid to your beneficiary for the balance of the 10-year period.

Pension Payment Option	Benefit Description
The 66%% Joint Life and Survivor Option	 Lifetime benefits for you, if you die your Joint Life Annuitant will receive 66% of the amount you were receiving for the rest of their life.
The 66 %% Joint Life and Survivor Option With 10-Year Guarantee	 Lifetime benefits for you, if you die your Joint Life Annuitant will receive 663 of the amount you were receiving for the rest of their life. If you and your Joint Annuitant die during the first 10 years of payments, payments will continue to be paid to your beneficiary for the balance of the year period.

Pension Payment Option	
Pension Payment Option	Benefit Description
The 100% Joint Life and Survivor Option	 Lifetime benefits for you, if you die your Joint Life Annuitant will receive 100% of the amount you were receiving for the rest of their life.
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10-Year Guarantee	 If you and your Joint Annuitant die during the first 10 years of payments, payments will continue to be paid to your beneficiary for the balance of the 10-year period.

Annuity Type	Monthly Payment*
Single Life Annuity	\$1,000
Single Life with 10-Year Guarantee	\$981.09
66 2/3 rd Joint Life and Survivor Option	\$894.97
66 2/3 rd Joint Life and Survivor Option with 10-Year Guarantee	\$893.75
100% Joint Life and Survivor Option	\$849.23
100% Joint Life and Survivor Option with 10-year Guarantee	\$848.67

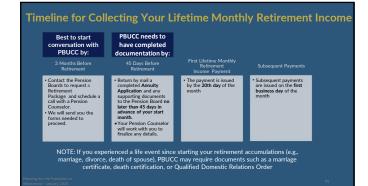
Beneficiary Options

Who to name as your Joint Annuitant if you select the Joint & Survivor option? (Can only

- Spouse/partner or another person
- Non-spouse beneficiary requires notarized consent of spouse The younger your joint annuitant, the lower the monthly benefit you'll
- receive

Who to name as beneficiary if you select the for 10-year guarantee? (Can be one or more e or en tities and ca d at any time

Someone other than Joint Annuitant • Non-person (institution, estate, etc.)

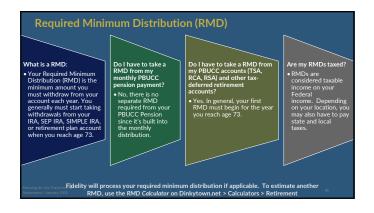


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Housing Allowance and Your Annuity

- Available only to current or retired ordained, licensed or commissioned ministers
 and is not available for spouse or partner.
- PBUCC designates 100% of your annuity (and withdrawals from the RSA) as housing allowance based on the IRS Code 107. This designation itself does not exempt you from paying taxes on your annuity or withdrawal.
- The housing allowance cannot be more than reasonable pay for clergy services, and clergy can exclude from gross income the lesser of the following:
 - $\circ\;$ The amount actually used to provide or rent a home; or
 - The fair market rental value of the home (including furnishings, utilities, garage, etc.)

Review the 2025 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide pbucc.org/menu-news & Resources/tax-resources

Housing Allowance Example

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Annual Annuity	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
RSA Withdrawal	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Actual Expenses	\$26,000	\$22,000	\$24,000
Fair Market Rental Value	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$23,000
Non-Taxable	\$24,000	\$22,000	\$23,000
Taxable	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000

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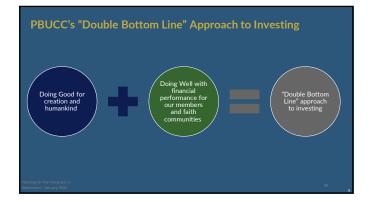




Investing

The Pension Boards takes seriously its fiduciary responsibility to manage assets in the best interests of its members. This is not, however, separate from its covenantal responsibility to manage resources in order that all of God's people and creation might share in God's abundant life (John 10:10).











Impact of Taxes and Inflation on Return*

Asset class	Cash	Bonds	Stocks
Return before taxes and inflation	3.3%	5.7%	10.3%
After-tax return (20%)	2.6%	4.6%	8.2%
Inflation	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
Return after taxes and inflation	-0.3%	1.7%	5.3%

Source: 2023 SBII data. Compound annual total returns are from 1926 to 2023. Cash = 30-day T-bills, Bonds = 20-year U.S. Government bonds Stocks = libbotson@ Large company Stock Index. Average tax rate is for example purposes. Future returns may differ from historical returns.

> *While stocks are more volatile than bonds and cash, stocks have seen higher returns after taxes and inflation

How Do You Decide What Percentage Of Cash, Bonds, Stocks You Should Own?

Time Horizon: The length of time you plan to hold an investment and your cash needs

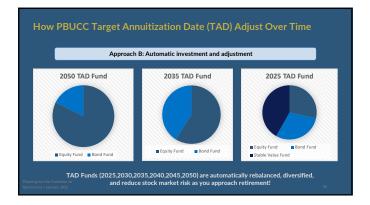
Risk Tolerance: How much "heat" can you stand

Target Return: The return you are looking to achieve over the life of the investment

Your mix of cash, bonds, stocks may vary depending on your goal e.g., retirement vs. saving for a kid's college education

Investment Options from PBUCC: Accumulation Funds

Equity Fund Higher Northern Trust Global Sustainability Index Higher Fund	Fund Name	Anticipated Return/Risk
Sustainable Balanced Fund Moderate Equity Fund Higher Northern Trust Global Sustainability Index Fund	Stable Value Fund	Lowest
Equity Fund Higher Northern Trust Global Sustainability Index Higher Fund	Bond Fund	Lower
Northern Trust Global Sustainability Index Fund	Sustainable Balanced Fund	Moderate
Fund	Equity Fund	Higher
Future returns may differ from historical returns	Northern Trust Global Sustainability Index Fund	Higher
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Investment Considerations While in Retirement Include:

Pay attention to investment fees since they can significantly decrease your retirement funds

Monitor your investments periodically and as your situation changes

- Do you need to rebalance as markets change?
- If you have more than one retirement investment account, remember to consider the entire picture when making decisions
- Try and keep your emotions in check and remember your long-term goals

Discuss the PBUCC investment options with a Fidelity Retirement Planner via PBUCC Member Services at 1.800.642.6543, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

Investment Considerations While in Retirement Include (continued):

 Do you have a major purchase planned in the near future?

 Consider the impact of taxes on your investment decisions

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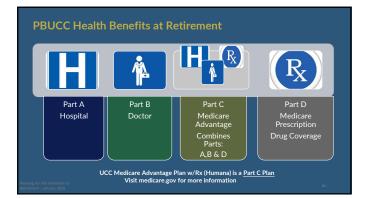




PBUCC Health Benefits at Retirement

Eligibility (under the age of 65)

Upon retirement, plan participants who have reached age 53 may continue participation in the UCC Non-Medicare Health Benefits Plan by making contributions directly to the plan until the age of 65 when they are eligible for the UCC Medicare Advantage Plan.



JCC Medicare Advantage Plan w/Rx (Humana

Eligibility (ages 65+)

 Any PBUCC Member, enrolled in Medicare Part A and B, is eligible to participate at any time during the year

Logistics:

- PBUCC sends you information about three (3) months before your 65th birthday for details on how to sign-up.
- PBUCC plan premiums are deducted from your annuity each month (if applicable)
- Medicare Part B Premiums are paid separately by the member

UCC Medicare Advantage Plan w/Rx (Humana)

One Nationwide premium rate is offered with no age rating

- There is no coverage gap
- There is coverage for in-network and out-of-network services
- Just one ID card for hospital, medical, and pharmacy
- Covers services while traveling internations
- Includes benefits such as a fitness program through SilverSneakers, and a wellness progra where you can earn gift cards for an annual wellness exam, volunteering, and staying activ
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 - To learn more about the UCC Medicare Advantage Plan w/Rx (Humana), please visit www.PBUCC.org and click on Pension & Benefits

Long-Term Care Insurance

Did you know:

- Medicare does not cover Long-Term Care expenses such as an
 Assisted Living Facility or Nursing Home?
- About 60% of us will need assistance with things like getting dressed, driving to appointments, or making meals?
- LTC costs vary dramatically by State and by care type (e.g, private room, semi-private room etc..)

Visit longtermcare.gov to learn more about coverages, costs, and important facts

PBUCC members can contact ASCIA Partners at 1.866.471.4072, ext. 2305 to arrange an appointment with an LTC specialist or visit their website at http://pbucc.caresupportonline.com/

Basic and Optional Life Insurance Insurance

Basic Life Details (differs based on age and years of coverage)

>>5 years and age 65 or older: Death benefit with no more monthly premiums
 <5 years and under age 65: Pay small monthly premium until age 65 to receive death benefit with no more monthly premiums

Logistics at Retirement

 Upon retirement, PBUCC will contact you to provide further details on how to continue basic and optional additional insurance

To learn more about Life Insurance offered through PBUCC, please visit www.pbucc.org and click on Pension & Benefits



Dental Plan United Concordia

Details:

- Rates are less if you participate in a PBUCC health plan

Logistics:



To learn more about Dental benefits offered by PBUCC, please visit www.pbucc.org and click on *Pension & Benefits*

Vision Plan

Details:

- Additional benefits for purchasing eye care products through EYECONIC.COM

Logistics:



- Annual enrollment ends February 15
 Enrollment and payment available online at pbucc.org
 Premium for plan year (April March) is paid to PBUCC
 Provided through VSP network of physicians

To learn more about Vision benefits offered by PBUCC, please visit www.PBUCC.org and click on Pension & Benefits



Health and Annuity Supplementation

The Pension Boards has programs to help our members deal with financial strain in their time of need.

Helps qualified PBUCC Members with their PBUCC health plan premiums

Provides supplemental income to qualified members receiving annuities



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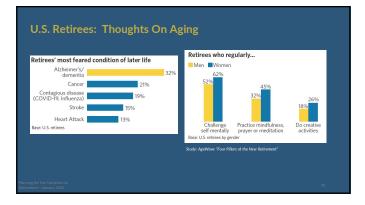




"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

— Benjamin Franklin







Reasons to Create an Estate Plan Include:

Control the distribution of assets

Make sure your loved ones are taken care of

Make sure you wishes are met in the event you are incapacitated

Reduce estate taxes

FreeWill.Com/PBUCC

• Will

- Living Will
- Durable Financial Power of Attorney

Beneficiary Plan

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Beneficiary designations supersede your Will

Controls distribution of certain property e.g. 401(k)/(b), IRAs, and life insurance



Name your beneficiaries on NetBenefits® > Profile. Track all your beneficiary designations with FreeWill.com/pbucc



A state-specific legal document that designates your wishes regarding the distribution of property and the care of dependent children

A will can be used to:

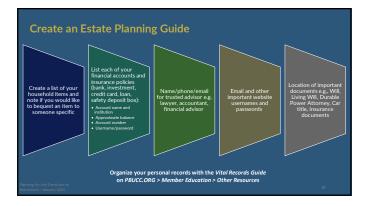
Make specific bequests of property and assets to people, charity, or trusts
Appoint guardian of minors

Create your will with FreeWill.com/pbucc

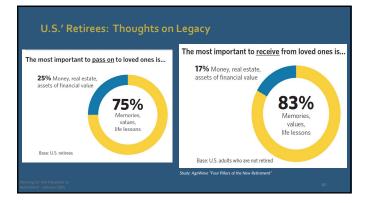
Incapacitation Planning

Living Will:	 Allows you to make your own choices for life support and helps prevent confusion and disagreements
Durable Power of	 Authorizes someone else to handle certain
Attorney for	matters, such as finances or health care, on
Financial/Health Care:	your behalf if you are unable to

Create your Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney on FreeWill.com/pbucc







Finding Purpose in Retirement: Feedback from Retirees

Giving	Growing	Enjoying
Giving time and	Growing spiritually by	Spending time with
putting your skills and	continuing to try	friends and family.
experience to make a	things, taking on new	Spending time doing
difference in the	hobbies, setting new	what makes you
world	goals and challenges	happy and fulfilled.

What Will You Do During Retirement?



- Will you be employed? • Part-time or full-time?
- New career? • Will you volunteer?
- What activities will you be involved in?
- Where will you live?
- Will you be caring for others?
- How will you care for yourself?



What Will Change?

- Daily routine or life structure
- Friendships and social contacts
- Identity
- Self-worth/mental imageIncome and financial decisions





CHHSM: Council for Health and Human Services



The Council for Health & Human Service Ministries United Church of Christ

CHHSM services include:

 Affordable Housing Primary and Acute Health Care Services to Older Adults

www.chhsm.org 866.822.8224, ext. 2250

Fidelity Financial Planners

Fidelity Retirement Planners are available to help you create a financial plan that's right for you and knowledgeable about the PBUCC Lifetime Retirement Income Plan:

- Enrolling in your plan and discussing an asset allocation that may be right for you.
- Helping you understand how much you'll need to retire, the steps you can take to get there, and what your income may look like in retirement.

Call Fidelity Retirement Planner via PBUCC Member Services at 1.800.642.6543, Mon-Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

Fidelity NetBenefits® and Mobile App

Fidelity NetBenefits® has many online planning tools, as well as resources to help you make informed decisions. Whether you're looking for educational videos, podcasts, or financial planning calculators, NetBenefits® is a one-stop destination to help you stay on track toward your financial goals. You can also download the <u>NetBenefits® smatphone app</u> for on-the-go access to your Fidelity workplace accounts.



LSS Financial Choice

What is LSS Financial Choice?:

LSS Financial Choice is an enhanced service that provides nonjudgmental support, financial guidance, and proven tools to achieve your financial wellness goals.

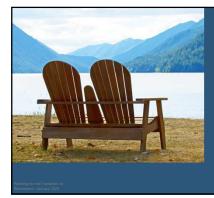
LSS can provide guidance in the following areas:

Applying for student loan for giveness
 Budget and debt management counseling
 Speak with a certified HUD housing counselor
 Credit improvement
 Debt management plans

Who is eligible:

Through your LSS Financial Choice benefit, PBUCC members including their immediate family, spouses/partners, can receive six free
counseling sessions per year.

Call LSS Financial Choice 833.975.0719, Mon-Fri from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET



Call Member Services: 1.800.642.6543
 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. est

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