

## **Leah interview**

My name is Leah and I'm from Columbus, Ohio.

Photography is my passion.

I'm the archivist for the Columbus College of Art and Design.

My student loans were so stressful. Probably the last year of school here I was up late thinking about how I was going to pay these off.

I had \$23,000 in debt.

And I was just worried about my future.

After hearing about the CFPB on the news, I went to the website and right there was Paying for College.

You answer a series of questions, yes, no, not sure, and you get to the end and it suggests a repayment system for you. Mine was the Income Based Repayment plan which significantly lowered my student loan payments. And it's a lot less stressful now.

It feels amazing, I have more money and my husband and I don't feel like we're living paycheck to paycheck.

I wasn't informed when I was taking out my student loans about the reality after college and now students have the CFPB website to know in advance and be informed of what to expect when they graduate.

I would tell people that the CFPB offers options for so many people. I think a lot of people think this couldn't help me, this doesn't impact me, but it does.

I took charge of my student loan debt, now students can take charge of theirs thanks to the CFPB.