



Northeast MS Community College

Office of Student Financial Aid

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Title IV Refund Policy

Federal awards for students who withdraw (officially or unofficially) from all classes must be recalculated. Federal Title IV Financial Aid includes: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Federal Stafford Student Loans.

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 define "withdrawal" as failure to complete the period of attendance on which federal aid eligibility was based. This affects not only those individuals who complete the formal withdrawal process, but also those students who cease attendance from all classes. If a recipient of Title IV funds stops attending all classes during a semester, the Financial Aid Office must calculate how much federal aid was earned based on the length of time the student attended classes. Any portion of the awards that are unearned must be returned to the appropriate Title IV programs.

The Financial Aid Office determines the percentage of the term completed by dividing the number of calendar days completed as of the date of withdrawal by the total number of calendar days in the term. If withdrawal occurs on or before 60 percent of the term has elapsed, the percentage of federal aid earned is equal to the percentage of the term completed. However, 100 percent of federal aid is earned if the date of withdrawal occurs after 60 percent of the term has elapsed.

The amount of federal aid earned is equal to the percentage of funds earned multiplied by the total amount of funds that was disbursed (or could have been disbursed) as of the day the student withdrew.

All unearned portions of federal aid (institutional and student) must be returned to the appropriate Title IV programs in the order designated by federal regulations.

When the institution returns funds on the student's behalf, the student's account will be charged for this amount. When the responsibility for repaying funds to the Title IV grant programs falls to the student, the student is required to return only 50 percent of the grant overpayment as calculated using the federal formula. Grant overpayments may be collected according to arrangements satisfactory to the school, or by overpayment collection procedures prescribed by the Department of Education.