



# NORTHWEST

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## MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### **Return of Title IV Funds**

The law specifies how your school must determine the amount of Title IV program assistance that you earn if you withdraw from school. The Title IV programs that are covered by this law are Pell Grants, Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants, TEACH Grants, Direct Loans (Subsidized, Unsubsidized and PLUS), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and Perkins Loans.

When you withdraw during your payment period or period of enrollment (your school can define these for you and tell you which one applies), the amount of Title IV program assistance that you have earned up to that point is determined by a specific formula. If you received (or your school or parent received on your behalf) less assistance than the amount that you earned, you may be able to receive those additional funds. If you received more assistance than you earned, the excess funds must be returned by the school and/or you.

The amount of assistance that you have earned is determined on a pro-rata basis. For example, if you completed 30 percent of your payment period or period of enrollment, you earn 30 percent of the assistance you were originally scheduled to receive. Once you have completed more than 60 percent of the payment period or period of enrollment, you earn all of the assistance that you were scheduled to receive for that period.

If you did not receive all of the funds that you earned, you may be due a post-withdrawal disbursement. If your post-withdrawal disbursement includes loan funds, your school must obtain your written permission before it can disburse them. You may choose to decline some or all of the loan funds so that you don't incur additional debt. Your school may automatically use all or a portion of your post-withdrawal disbursement of grant funds for tuition, fees and room and board charges (as contracted with the school). The school needs your permission to use the post-withdrawal grant disbursement for all other charges. If you do not give your permission (some schools ask for this when you enroll), you will be offered the funds. However, it may be in your best interest to allow the school to keep the funds to reduce your debt to the school.

There are some Title IV funds that you were scheduled to receive that cannot be disbursed to you once you withdraw because of other eligibility requirements. For example, if you are a first-time, first-year undergraduate student and you have not completed the first 30 days of your program before you withdraw, you will not receive any Direct Loan funds that you would have received had you remained enrolled past the thirtieth day.

If you receive (or your school or parent receive on your behalf) excess Title IV program funds that must be returned, your school must return a portion of the excess equal to the lesser of:

1. your institutional charges multiplied by the unearned percentage of your funds or
2. the entire amount of excess funds.

The school must return this amount even if it didn't keep this amount of your Title IV program funds.

If your school is not required to return all of the excess funds, you must return the remaining amount. Any loan funds that you must return, you (or your parent for a PLUS Loan) repay in accordance with the terms of the promissory note. That is, you make scheduled payments to the holder of the loan over a period of time.

Any amount of unearned grant funds that you must return is called an overpayment. The maximum amount of a grant overpayment that you must repay is half of the grant funds you received or were scheduled to receive. You do not have to repay a grant overpayment if the original amount of the overpayment is \$50 or less. You must make arrangements with your school or the U.S. Department of Education to return the unearned grant funds.

The requirements for Title IV program funds when you withdraw are separate from any refund policy that your school may have. Therefore, you may still owe funds to the school to cover unpaid institutional charges. Your school may also charge you for any Title IV program funds that the school was required to return. If you don't already know what your school's refund policy is, you can ask your school for a copy. Your school can also provide you with the requirements and procedures for officially withdrawing from school.

### **Student Refunds and Disbursements**

NWCC has partnered with BankMobile to deliver financial aid refunds including grants and loans to students who have credit balances after all charges have been paid. All students will receive a Refund Selection code mailed to their permanent address on file with the college. Students have the option of having funds transferred into an existing bank account or receiving a paper check. Students may choose to open a BankMobile Vibe checking account and receive their funds via direct deposit. If there is a balance due, the Business Office will bill you.

If you have questions about your Title IV program funds, you can call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1.800.433.3243. TTY users may call 1.800.730.8913.

Information is also available on Student Aid on the Web at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

### **Withdrawal from School**

A student who finds it necessary to withdraw from school for any reason should do so properly. The proper withdrawal procedure is as follows:

1. Students are to pick up the withdrawal form from the Business Office on the Senatobia campus or the Academic or Career-Technical counselor's office at the Centers, where the student will be instructed as to the proper withdrawal procedure. Academic Regulations • 89
2. After obtaining the required signatures, the student turns the withdrawal form in to the Center Dean or if withdrawing from the Senatobia campus, to the Registrar Office.
3. Refund of any payment due will be made at the Business Office.

A student who properly and officially withdraws will receive a grade of "W" (official withdrawal) in all classes. Withdrawal must be made prior to exam week. An unofficial withdrawal is attributed to a student who leaves Northwest without going through the published withdrawal procedures. This unofficial withdrawal will result in the student receiving "F" grades in all classes.

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