

Return of Federal Aid (Title IV) Funds

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Original Policy Statement

RETURN OF FEDERAL AID (TITLE IV) FUNDS

Donnelly College students who receive Federal Financial Aid (Title IV funds) and withdraw from or fail to complete all courses must have a calculation performed by the Financial Aid Office. The calculation is to determine the amount of Federal Title IV funds that must be returned by Donnelly College and the amount that must be returned by the student.

This calculation is based on the number of calendar days the student attended divided by the number of calendar days in the term (less any breaks of 5 days or more including weeks) up to sixty percent (60%) point of the semester. After this point 100% of the aid has been earned and no funds will be returned.

A student's official withdrawal date is:

- 1. The date the student officially withdraws in the Registrar's office, in person or in writing.
- 2. The midpoint of the term is the official withdrawal date for the student who leaves without notification
- 3. If the college withdraws a student who is attending class for other reasons, the date of the withdrawal is the last date of attendance.
- 4. All students receiving all F's at the end of each term will be forwarded to the appropriate Director of Instruction by the Registrar for determination of the last date of student participation in an academically related activity.
- 5. For students determined to have unofficially withdrawn, the determined last date of participation in an academically related activity will be provided to the Director of Financial Aid for return of Title IV fund calculation. If the last date of participation in an academically related activity cannot be determined, the midpoint of the period attended will be applied.

Donnelly College returns the following funds in the order below:

- 1. Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
- 2. Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans
- 3. Federal Pell Grants
- 4. Federal SEOG

(Work-study earnings will not be used in the calculation.)

If this calculation determines that the disbursement exceeds the student's educational expenses, the student may be required to repay a portion of the aid disbursed. Educational expenses include tuition, fees and books. Amounts due to be returned to the Pell program by the student will be reduced by fifty percent (50%). Amounts due to be returned to the loan program will be paid according to the terms of the promissory note. The Direct Loan program will be notified of the date of the student's withdrawal.

If the calculation indicates the student must return any federal monies previously given to him/her, the Donnelly College Student Billing Office will send a bill to the student for these monies. If the student fails to make satisfactory payment to Donnelly College, the balance owed may be referred to

collection. The student would be ineligible for Federal Student Aid until these monies are repaid.

The fees, procedures and policies listed here supersede those published previously and are subject to change without notice.

Further information is available in the Financial Aid Office and the Student Billing Office regarding the Return of Federal Student Aid (Title IV) Funds.

Proposed Policy Statement

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Donnelly College returns the following funds in the order below:

- 5. Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
- 6. Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans
- 7. Federal Pell Grants
- 8. Federal SEOG

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The timeframe for Donnelly College to return Title IV program funds must be within 45 days from the student's withdrawal date. Grants not yet disbursed will be disbursed within 45 days. Loans are offered to the student for 30 days, allowing the student 14 days to respond to accept or decline the funds. All post-withdrawal disbursements are applied to the students account first, and any resulting credit balance is paid

out to the student via a check within 14 days from the R2T4 calculation.

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