

Federal Financial Aid

Return to Title IV Funds

A federal law may require you to pay back money if you leave school!

If you receive a federal financial aid and then completely WITHDRAW from your classes, you will owe money back to the federal financial aid program. Here's how it works:

According to the day you withdraw, the financial aid office will calculate how much grant you "earned." In order to earn federal grant funds, you must complete more than 60% of the semester.

Example:

You received \$1,000 in a federal grant and dropped all your courses in the first week of the semester. At that point, you have *earned* 4% of your federal grant.

The financial aid office will use a calculation to determine what amount was earned *and* not earned. $\$1,000 \times 4\% = \40 earned. Likewise, 96% of the federal grant or \$960 was unearned. After fees are deducted, you would owe over **\$400** to the federal government.

- If you receive a student LOAN and withdraw, you will pay back the money according to the normal rules of that program.
- If you receive federal WORK money and withdraw, you don't owe anything. You keep the salary that is earned.

If you think you need to withdraw or just leave, think about it! If you don't repay the federal money, you could lose your eligibility for financial aid.

See an academic counselor and discuss your academic or personal reasons for leaving. Remember, this law only affects you if you completely withdraw. Perhaps you can stay at PCC but take fewer classes. If you need other services such as tutoring, talk with your instructor, advisor or visit the Learning Assistance Center in D-300.

If you must withdraw, immediately see a financial aid representative in L-114. You can receive information about any potential amounts owed and methods for repayment.

**For more information about this or other financial aid policies,
Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (626) 585-7401**

Federal Repayment Office: 1-800-4-FED-AID