



Treatment of Title IV Aid When a Student Withdraws

The law specifies how the Academy of Art University (AAU) 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: Federal Pell Grants, Academic Competitiveness Grants, Stafford Loans, PLUS Loans and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOGs).

When you withdraw during your payment period (defined as the semester) 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 AAU 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 prorata basis. For example, if you completed 30% of your payment period, you earn 30% of the assistance you were originally scheduled to receive. Once you have completed more than 60% of the payment period, you earn all the assistance that you were scheduled to receive for that period. The percentage that is earned is calculated by dividing the number of days attended by the total number of days in the payment period.

The requirements for Title IV program funds when you withdraw are separate from refund policy. Therefore, in most cases you will owe funds to AAU to cover unpaid institutional charges. AAU may also charge you for any Title IV program funds that we were required to return. If you don't already know what AAU's refund policy is, you can ask us for a copy or see the refund policy in the University Catalog.