

## RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS POLICY FOR SUMMER

The Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 2010 includes new regulations governing the return of federal financial assistance for students who withdraw fully **or** partially from the summer session. This policy governs all Federal loan and grant programs including Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans, Direct Parent Plus Loans, Grad PLUS Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG grant, TEACH grant, and any other Title IV programs, with the exception of Federal Work Study.

These new regulations govern the return of aid disbursed for a student who completely withdraws from the summer session or a student who is awarded aid for particular summer session and completes no classes in that particular summer session. PSU has 3 summer sessions that are combined into one term that spans 11 weeks. Students are awarded based upon what classes and sessions they are enrolled in when the money is dispersed. If a student withdraws from a particular session and does not re-enroll, then the student will have a R2T4 calculation performed and Title IV aid will be returned **even if the student completed hours in a previous session**. If the student plans on re-enrolling in a future summer session, then the student must inform the financial assistance office **in writing** that they plan on attending a future session. If they do not attend the session in the future, then the R2T4 calculation will be performed based upon the last date of attendance.

Withdrawal dates are as follows:

**OFFICIAL WITHDRAWALS**- the later date of when the student began the institution's office withdrawal process OR officially notified the institution of intent to withdrawal.

**UNOFFICIAL WITHDRAWALS**- The midpoint of the semester or the last date of attendance for the student as reported by the instructor.

If the student has to leave without notification because of circumstances beyond the student's control, the institution may determine a withdrawal date related to those circumstances. The institution has the option to always use the student's last day of attendance at a documented academically related activity.

The University takes the responsibility on behalf of the student to return unearned federal financial aid funds that were applied directly to institutional charges. The student is responsible for return of unearned federal financial aid funds that were disbursed directly to him/her. In addition, the student is directly responsible for repayments of unearned assistance to a federal grant program. Only one-half (50%) of the calculated repayment is required. The student must make arrangements to pay the grant overpayment within 45 days to PSU or the University will notify the U.S. Department of Education of the overpayment and the student will become ineligible for future financial assistance.