

Angelina College Financial Aid Return to Title IV Policy

Students receiving financial aid who withdraw or stop attending may be required to return a portion of financial aid received. Federal regulations [HEA Section 484B, 485(a)(1)(F), 34 CFR 668.22] require Angelina College to calculate a refund and repayment of federal aid (Pell Grant and FSEOG at Angelina College) received by students who withdraw prior to the 60% point of a term for which he/she has received federal financial aid.

Withdrawal Date

According to these regulations, Angelina College and the student are allowed to retain only the amount of Title IV (federal) financial aid that is earned. If a student withdraws or stops participating in classes, a portion of the aid received is considered to be unearned and must be returned to the Title IV programs from which it was received. For Title IV purposes, the last date of academic attendance is one of the following: the date the formal withdrawal process begins, the date the student otherwise gives official notice of intent to withdraw (e.g., letter, withdrawal form, in-person), the mid-point of the term, or the last documented date of attendance in an academically-related activity (e.g., documented attendance in a class or lab or submission of an assignment in an on-line course).

Process for Calculation of Amount of Title IV aid earned by the student

For any financial aid recipient who terminates enrollment prior to the 60% point of the semester, the Financial Aid office will calculate Return of Title IV refunds every 30 days up through the 60% point of the semester. The percentage of aid the student has earned is equal to the percentage of the semester the student has completed (date the student withdrew from all classes). This percentage is computed by dividing the total number of calendar days completed as of the last date of attendance by the total number of calendar days in the term. The percentage of Title IV assistance to which the student is entitled (has “earned”) is equal to this completed percentage, up to 60%. If the withdrawal occurs after the 60% point, the percentage is equal to 100%. The amount of Title IV aid which must be returned is based on the percentage of unearned aid. That percentage is computed by subtracting earned aid from 100%.

A student who fails all of their classes in a term may be subject to a Return to Title IV (R2T4) calculation. If a student “earned” at least one of their F’s (i.e. they participated in class until the end of the semester and received an F for poor performance), then no calculation is required. However, if the student failed all classes because they stopped attending at some point in the semester, then a R2T4 calculation is required based on the last documented date of attendance. If a last date of attendance cannot be determined, the 50% point of the term will be used as the withdrawal date, and the unearned aid will be 50%.

Post-Withdrawal Disbursement

If the student received less federal financial aid than the amount earned, Angelina College will disburse the amount of earned grant funds that are not credited to the student’s account. This post-withdrawal disbursement is paid directly to the student in the form of a check sent to the student’s address on file in the Records Office. This check will be sent within 45 days after Angelina College has determined that the student withdrew.

Title IV aid to be returned by Angelina College

Angelina College is required to return the lesser of the unearned aid percentage applied to institutional charges, **or** the unearned aid percentage applied to the total Title IV aid received, within 45 days of the date of determination of the withdrawal. Unearned aid will be returned to the aid programs in the following order: Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG.

Title IV aid to be returned by the student

The student is required to pay the difference between the amount of unearned aid and the amount returned by the College. Federal regulations allow colleges and universities to charge a student for any amount paid on the student’s behalf. Angelina College considers a student responsible for reimbursement of any expenditures made on his or her behalf beyond tuition and fees, books, and room and board for dormitory students, and will bill the student for any account balance created when the college is required to return the financial aid.

The student must return the unearned aid that the school is not responsible for returning. If the student's portion of the unearned aid includes federal grants, they are only required to return the grant amount that exceeds 50% of the original federal grant aid received for that semester. If the amount the student owes is less than \$50, then no payment is required.

Financial Aid Overpayments and Loss of Eligibility for aid

If a Return of Title IV calculation determines that a student owes money to the Department of Education, that student is considered to have received an overpayment. Within 30 days of this determination, the student will be sent a letter notifying them of the balance that they owe. They will be given 45 days to repay the debt to Angelina College from the date the notification is sent. **Any unpaid accounts will be reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and turned over to the Debt Resolution Services for collection. Any student considered to have received an overpayment is not eligible for federal financial aid at any institution until the overpayment is resolved.** The overpayment may be resolved by being paid in full to Angelina College. It can also be resolved by contacting the Debt Resolution Services if the account has been referred for collection. The student must pay the overpayment amount in full or make payment arrangements with Debt Resolution Services.