

How Outcomes Can Affect Financial Aid Eligibility



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It is important for students to be aware that financial aid eligibility can be affected by the outcomes they receive for their courses. There are academic standards that must be met for continued enrollment. There also are federal and state standards that must be met for financial aid eligibility. This brochure is designed to address the federal and state standards that must be met.

Initial eligibility for the term

For the federal Pell grant we redetermine your eligibility as of **Day 29** of the term. This is known as the census date for Pell. For state grant purposes, we determine your eligibility as of **Day 29** of the term. This is known as the certification status date for state aid purposes. Students who are enrolled in a mixture of course lengths for the term will have an overall state census date reflective of the longest course. Therefore, any change to your course load up to this time may cause a change to your grant eligibility.

Federal student loan eligibility is redetermined when the loan funds are released to us. Therefore, any change to your enrollment will result in a recalculation of the loan. Likewise, if the enrollment is no longer a half-time enrollment, you will not qualify for the Federal Direct student loan.

Final outcomes and their impact on eligibility

Outcomes are due on a specific date after each term. There are specific federal aid requirements for continued financial aid which must be considered: Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress and Federal GPA Requirements. There also are specific state aid requirements for continued financial aid eligibility which must be considered:

State Satisfactory Academic Progress, State GPA requirements and State Pursuit of Program. Full information on these requirements can be found online at: www.esc.edu/GoodAcademicStanding.

Any outcome which does not denote a successful outcome for the course can have an impact on continued aid eligibility. Therefore, if you receive a **Failing Grade, Withdrawal, Administrative Withdrawal, Incomplete or if no outcome is entered**, aid for the next term may be affected. Since there are different standards for federal and state eligibility, it is possible that you may receive one of these outcomes and continue to qualify for one type of aid but not another. Therefore, *we strongly recommend that any time you are aware that you will not successfully complete a course, you contact our office. Please note that even a passing grade can impact future aid eligibility due to the GPA requirements.*

Withdrawing or disengaging from a course during the term

The decision to withdraw should be an academic decision and we recommend that you consult with your mentor before making this decision. It is important to keep in mind that this decision may have financial aid ramifications. If you simply decide to disengage in a course, it is important to know that you may be administratively withdrawn from the course. **The scenarios below are for students who are solely in 15 week courses or solely in 8 week courses for the term. If you have a mixture of course lengths during a term, and withdraw or are administratively withdrawn for any of the courses for the term, aid will be recalculated. Please contact the Financial Aid office for more information.**

Federal and state aid requirements for continued financial aid eligibility can be found online at:
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Anytime a student withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from a course but is still enrolled in other courses for the term:

- **If the student has engaged up until the census date for federal aid purposes and the state certification status date, there would be no change to the grant(s) for that term.**
- **For student loan purposes, if the funds are already disbursed, there would be no change to the loans for that term.**
- **Aid for the next term may be compromised.**

Anytime a student withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from all of their courses for the term before the federal census date and state certification status date:

- **Federal aid, including loans, for that term will be recalculated. However, any loans awarded late that have not already disbursed may not be disbursed.**
- **State aid will be lost for that term.**
- **Aid for the next term may be compromised.**

Anytime a student withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from all of their courses for the term after the federal census date and state certification status date:

- **Federal aid, including loans, for that term will be recalculated. If the student engaged up to the 60 percent mark for the term, federal aid for that term will not be changed. However, any loans awarded late that have not already disbursed may not be disbursed.**
- **Aid for the next term may be compromised.**