

Return of Title IV Refund Policy

The Dept. of Education has established the Return of Title IV Refund Policy (R2T4) which impacts federal financial aid recipients. Federal financial aid at Gaston College includes Federal Pell Grant and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). This policy is not the same as the Gaston College refund policy. Financial aid is awarded to you contingent upon completion of the semester. Federal financial aid recipients who withdraw from class, stop attending, drop out, or are dismissed/suspended from class prior to completing 60% of the semester will owe a repayment to the Dept. of Education. You are exempted if you complete a module (minimester) or combination of modules that include 49% or more of the number of days in the payment period OR complete coursework equal to or greater than 6 credit hours.

R2T4 calculations are based on your last date of recorded attendance and/or class participation. The Financial Aid Office will be responsible for performing the calculation. If it is determined that a portion of the financial aid received by you is unearned, we are required to return the unearned funds back to the Dept. of Education. Notification will be mailed to you. The amount of the repayment will be due by you in full when notification is received. Failure to repay the debt to the institution, or make satisfactory arrangements within 45 days of notification will result in the debt being reported to the Department of Education as an overpayment. You will then lose Title IV eligibility at all institutions until the debt is paid or until satisfactory arrangements are made to repay the overpayment debt with the Department of Education. In addition, you will not be permitted to graduate or register for a new term at the institution until the debt has paid in full. Further, if you used less aid than you were entitled to receive according to days in attendance, then the institution owes you a post-withdrawal disbursement.

The Financial Aid Office encourages you to read this policy carefully. If you are thinking about withdrawing from all classes **PRIOR** to completing 60% of the semester, you should contact the Financial Aid Office immediately to determine how your student aid will be affected.

