

Important New Federal Laws: **Effective July 1, 2000**

Return of Title IV Funds

When a recipient of Title IV grant or loan assistance **TOTALLY WITHDRAWS** from Saddleback College **PRIOR TO 60 percent OF THE ENROLLMENT PERIOD**, a federal law, “**RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS**,” will require **REPAYMENT** of Title IV **FUNDS (Federal Financial Aid)**.

Specifically, withdrawal **BEFORE** the 2008-2009 dates indicated below **WILL REQUIRE YOU, THE STUDENT, TO REPAY A PORTION OF THE AID RECEIVED: Fall, 2008 November 3, 2008, Spring, 2009 March 26, 2009**

The SFASO determines the amount of Title IV grant or loan assistance that the student earned as of the withdrawal date. The method used is mandated by law and is the following:

The total number of calendar days in the payment period or semester is divided into the number of calendar days completed in that semester or period, as of the withdrawal date. *This is deemed EARNED AID. The amount of assistance that the student is responsible for returning is UNEARNED AID. A student is not required to return 50 percent of the unearned grant assistance.* Students required to **RETURN TITLE IV FUNDS** may regain eligibility for Federal Financial Aid by one of the following three methods:

1. Repay the overpayment in full to Saddleback College;
2. Enter into a repayment agreement with Saddleback College in accordance with repayment arrangements satisfactory to Saddleback College; or
3. Sign a repayment agreement with the Secretary of Education, which will include terms that permit a student to repay the overpayment while maintaining his or her eligibility for Title IV, HEA program funds.

Saddleback College must also repay unearned tuition or fees.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS REQUIREMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE SFASO IN SSC-106.

Drug Conviction

A student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds if the student has been convicted of an offense involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs for the period described below:

POSSESSION — If a student has been convicted ... Only one time for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for one year after the date of conviction;

Two times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of the second conviction; or

Three or more times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the third conviction.

SALE — If a student has been convicted ... Only one time for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of conviction; or Two or more times for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the second conviction.

REHABILITATION — If a student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program after the student's most recent drug conviction, the student regains eligibility on the date the student successfully completes the program.

A drug rehabilitation program is one which:

1. Includes at least two unannounced drug tests; and
2. a. Has received or is qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program;
b. Is administered or recognized by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;
c. Has received or is qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a Federally or State-licensed insurance company;

or

- d. Is administered or recognized by a Federally or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

If you need more information regarding your eligibility for Federal Financial Aid, as it relates to this new law, please contact the SFASO in SSC-106.

Nonresident Tuition Refund Policy

A request for all or partial refund of nonresident tuition may be made in any of the four categories listed below:

1. Tuition fees collected in error. In such cases, 100 percent of the non-resident tuition will be refunded.
2. Tuition fees refundable as a result of the cancellation of a class or some similar action on the part of the college, clearly beyond the control of the student and for which the fees have been paid. In cases of cancellation of a class, 100 percent of non-resident tuition will be refunded.
3. Tuition fees refundable as a result of a student's reduction of units through the second week of classes, according to the following schedule: 100 percent refund through the first two weeks

of class. NO refund thereafter. Equivalent period will apply for less than full-semester classes.

4. Tuition fees refundable as a result of a student's total withdrawal are subject to the new law, "RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS," described above.

Registration

For students who have applied for financial assistance and have permission to register, you should be aware of the following conditions: Upon prior approval, a code will be placed in the registration system and your enrollment fees will be waived automatically. You will be required to pay the health fee, any lab fees, material fees and any optional fees. Fees waived by financial assistance will not be included in this total. If you do not have a code in the system to waive your enrollment fees, you are not prevented from registering. HOWEVER, if you go ahead and enroll in classes, you will be required to pay ALL registration fees unless you exit the registration system and call the Financial Assistance Office. Please note: The health fee is not waived through the Board of Governors Fee Waiver Program.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students must be determined eligible for the BOGFW before the end of the semester in order to receive a reimbursement of the semester enrollment fees.