

THE STATE RETURN OF GRANT FUNDS POLICY

State-funded grants are provided to assist students with the cost of attendance on the assumption that the students will attend college for the entire term for which the funds are awarded. When a student withdraws before the end of the term, an institution must determine how much, if any, State grant funds must be returned. The amount an institution must return depends on when the student withdraws. Funds must also be returned for changes in enrollment and eligibility status.

Institutions are required to calculate the amount of funds it must return, when a student withdraws prior to or on the 35% point of the term, via the College Foundation (CFI) Grant System. In completing the calculation, the "last date of attendance" is determined consistent with Title IV regulations for a Return of Title IV Funds.

- If a student's last date of attendance can be verified and is prior to or on the 35% point of the term, the State grant repayment will be based on the percent of the term not completed (or the percent of the scheduled hours remaining in the payment period for clock hour schools).
- If the last date of attendance occurs after the 35% point of the term, the State grant award is considered 100% earned and no State grant repayment is due.

State grant repayment formula: Known last date of attendance, prior to or on the 35% point of the term:

1. The percentage of State grant earned is calculated by dividing days in attendance by calendar days in term. Scheduled breaks of five or more days should be excluded from the calculation
2. Subtract the percent of State grant earned from 100%; this equals the percent of unearned State grant.
3. Multiply the percent of unearned State grant by the grant amount.

Example:

A student is awarded a \$1,000 State grant and completes 20% of the term prior to withdrawal. The State grant repayment is calculated as follows:

1. The unearned percentage equals 80% (100% less 20% completed). The earned percentage equals 20%.
2. Unearned aid equals \$800 (80% of \$1,000 State grant award).
3. The repayment equals \$800