

**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE  
10<sup>th</sup> DAY AWARD RECALCULATION POLICY**

**Award Adjustments Prior to Disbursement**

All awards are initially based on full time status and will not pass to your account until you are enrolled in a sufficient number of credits or until an award adjustment is made. There will be an “enrollment hold” on your account in EagleNet when you are in this situation.

1. If you notify us of part-time attendance, your awards are adjusted as follows:
  - Pell Grant, ACG, SMART, State Need Grant, State Need Grant Dependent Care, and EWU Grant are prorated to match your enrollment status (three-quarter time, half-time, or less than half-time).
  - Scholarships and tuition waivers are adjusted based on the terms of the particular program.
2. If you do not notify us of part-time attendance, your awards will not disburse until the aid is adjusted or credits are added.

Due to the entitlement nature of the Pell Grant program, all Pell Grant awards will be paid commensurate with your enrollment status. You cannot request lower awards in order to avoid adverse Satisfactory Academic Progress determinations.

**Award Adjustments – First through 10<sup>th</sup> Day**

If you receive full time aid, but drop below full-time status by the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> day, you will receive a tuition refund as appropriate, but credit balances will not be released until reviewed by staff and requested by you. The reduction will automatically create a receivable, any tuition credit will be applied, and you will owe a partial or full repayment of the remaining balance. You will not be subject to Satisfactory Academic Progress, but a registration hold will be placed by the Financial Services Office until the receivable (if any) is paid.

If you are awarded full time aid but drop below full time status after the 10<sup>th</sup> day, you will not owe a repayment, but you will end up in a probationary or suspended status at the end of the quarter under the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

If you withdraw, a repayment may be owed and you will be on probation or suspension at the end of the quarter.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Day (Census Date)**

Enrollment for financial aid recipients is “frozen” on the later of the following:

- The end of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each quarter,
- Date of award,
- Completed hours, if packaged after the end of the term.

Awards will be adjusted or packaged consistent with the enrollment status on the relevant day and all satisfactory academic progress calculations will be based on the frozen enrollment.

The disbursement of Stafford Loans is slightly different in that they are disbursed based on your registered hours, or your EWU registered hours plus consortium hours (if applicable), rather than your frozen hours. If you have dropped below half-time prior to disbursement, you are not eligible, regardless of the frozen hours. If you are a graduate student, you must take at least five hours of degree applicable courses to be eligible.

## **Award Adjustments after 10<sup>th</sup> Day**

If you are awarded full time aid after 10<sup>th</sup> day, but before the end of the quarter, the aid is packaged and disbursed based on your enrollment as of the date the awards are made, and the frozen hours are adjusted to match. If you drop below full time status after the date of awarding, you will not owe a repayment, but will end up in a probationary or suspended status at the end of the quarter under the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

If you increase your enrollment after the 10<sup>th</sup> day from an ineligible to eligible status, you may receive a Stafford Loan, but the grants will not be adjusted. You will not receive an increase to a loan already received. Enrollment increases of this nature generally occur when independent learning (IL) courses are added. If an IL course is added and completed by the end of the term, it will be counted in the completed hours.

Consortium credits (i.e. – approved credits taken at another school) may be used if they will be completed by the end of the term.

If you increase enrollment from an “eligible” status to a “more eligible” status, no adjustments will be made.

If your increase in enrollment was due to institutional error, you may receive aid based on what the enrollment would have been at the 10<sup>th</sup> day had the error not occurred.

If you withdraw, a repayment may be owed and you will be on probation or suspension at the end of the quarter.

## **After the End of the Quarter/Award Year (No Longer Enrolled)**

For students who are no longer enrolled, grants and Perkins Loan can be paid to you retroactively based on completed hours as long as we receive a valid Student Aid Report (SAR) or electronic record (one with an official estimated family contribution) and you are awarded prior to the end of your enrollment. Pell and ACG/SMART can be paid without a signed Financial Aid Award Notification (FAN), but a signed FAN is required for SEOG, SNG, EWU Grant, Perkins, Stafford, and PLUS. All loans must have been certified prior to the last date of enrollment.

## **Cost of Attendance Adjustments**

Your cost of attendance is adjusted to the relevant enrollment status (three-quarter time, half-time, or less than half-time) at the 10<sup>th</sup> day, regardless of the amount billed.

## **Repayments**

If you owe repayment based on reduced hours, the repayment must be made before you can register for the next quarter. If you cannot repay in the current quarter, you have the option of using your next quarter's funds to make the repayment. This is a one-time exception and can only be done within the same academic year. If you wish to exercise that option, you must inform the Financial Aid Office in order to have your registration hold lifted.