



Unusual Enrollment History

Beginning with the 2014-15 aid year, the Department of Education [ED] has made efforts to prevent fraud and abuse in the Federal Pell Grant Program by identifying students with unusual enrollment histories (UEH). The UEH is a specific enrollment pattern in which students attend an institution long enough to receive Title IV credit balance funds, leave without completing the enrollment period, enrolls at another institution, and repeats the pattern of enrollment just long enough to collect another Title IV balance without having earned any academic credit. There may be cases where students have a legitimate reason for enrollment at multiple institutions. However, such an enrollment history requires a review to determine whether there are valid reasons for the UEH. During the 2014-15 aid year, three academic terms prior was used in reviewing potential fraud. Beginning 2015-16, four academic years prior will be used in determining UEH.

Appeal for Reinstatement of Eligibility

Students who are no longer eligible for Title IV funds [financial aid] due to UEH violation as identified by the U.S. Department of Higher Education or by institutional determination *are* eligible to appeal. To appeal for reinstatement of Title IV, students must do the following:

- Submit an official appeal explaining to the Student Financial services Office explaining in *detail* what caused your failure to earn academic credit. The circumstances must be beyond your control. Documentation must be provided to support the reason for your appeal; (i.e. injury, illness, death of relative or circumstance of relevant nature.

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- Explain what you will do to improve your academic performance in the future.

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- Successfully complete a minimum of six (6) credit hours on your own, without the benefit of Federal Financial Aid or institutional Financial Aid at Concordia University. Successful completion of courses will be measured as determined by Satisfactory Academic Progress measures determined by academic program affiliation as published by ED.

If/when a student regains eligibility under these provisions, eligibility for Pell Grant and campus-based aid begins in the payment period during which the student regained that eligibility. For Direct Loans, eligibility begins with the period of enrollment during which the student regained eligibility.

The authority for an institution to deny Title IV, HEA program assistance under UEH circumstances is section 484(a)(4)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, which requires the student to sign a Statement of Educational Purpose. By signing the Statement of Educational Purpose as part of the student's submission of the FAFSA, the student certified that he or she would use Title IV, HEA program assistance received only to meet educational costs.

A student may be considered for Title IV eligibility only after successful completion of (6) semester of successful academic performance as a cash paying student or by filing an appeal and appeal is approved.