

**NOTICE TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE  
FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID FUNDS  
(TITLE IV FUNDS)  
FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL COSTS**

Effective October 2000, the U.S. Department of Education provided new regulations for FEDERAL GRANTS (Pell Grants and SEOG Grants), and return of funds that have been approved for educational programs. This change in regulation is referred to as the Federal Return of Funds Policy.

**STUDENTS WHO DROP FROM SCHOOL MAY BE REQUIRED TO REPAY ALL OR PART OF ANY GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN USED. THIS INCLUDES GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN PAID TO THE SCHOOL FOR TUITION AND FEES.**

**STUDENTS WHO DROP FROM SCHOOL MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A BALANCE DUE TO THE SCHOOL FOR TUITION THAT RESULTS FROM PREVIOUS GRANT FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER THIS NEW POLICY.**

Instead of a refund policy, schools will be required to calculate the amount of Federal Dollars “unearned” when a student drops, and return any “unearned” federal funds to the DOE.

In most cases, the return of funds obligation will be met by the school. This may result in a tuition balance due to students in cases where the student originally qualified for grants which would have covered a large portion of their tuition and fees. This “Return of Funds” policy will apply to all schools, colleges and universities that use federal financial aid.