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State Grants Update

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- Revised Withdrawal Returns of Funds Policy starting 2022-2023
- Selective Service
- Fresh Start
- RDS and State Grants Policy starting 2022-2023
- NC Guaranteed Scholarship

State Grants Update

Revised Withdrawal Returns of Funds Policy starting 2022-2023

- Change to policy implemented in 2020-2021
- Brings state policy more in line with Federal R2T4
- Committee from 2020-2021 policy reconvened to recommend changes
- Changes mainly affect unknown last day of attendance

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Revised Withdrawal Returns of Funds Policy starting 2022-2023

<u>Last Date of Attendance (LDA) Known and Verified</u>	
LDA prior to or on the 35% point of term	Return amount based on percent of term not completed
LDA after 35% point of term	State grant 100% earned and not return required

<u>Last Date of Attendance Unknown</u>	
Official Withdrawal Date	Use Official Withdrawal Date as last date of attendance; prorated at or before 35%, fully earned after 35%
No Official Withdrawal Date	Return 50% of state grant

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<u>No Academic Credit</u>			
Student did not withdraw; completed courses			No return of state grant funds
Official Withdrawal Date			Use Official Withdrawal Date as last date of attendance; prorated at or before 35%, fully earned after 35%
No Official Withdrawal Date or LDA			Return 50% of state grant

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Revised Withdrawal Returns of Funds Policy starting 2022-2023

- Essentially, the change to the policy is that the official withdrawal date may now be used as the LDA in the calculation if no LDA is known
- The Withdrawal Return of Funds Calculator on the portal has been updated to the new policy for 2022-2023
- Calculator may still be used for 2021-2022

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Selective Service Registration and State Aid

- G.S.143B-421.1(a)(2) required Selective Service registration for state aid
- Because this was in state statute, NCSEAA could not waive the requirement even though it was no longer in place for Federal aid.
- CPS continued to do the SS match for much of 21-22, but the question was removed for 22-23
- NCSEAA worked with lawmakers to WAIVE the SS requirement for state aid for two years, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

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Selective Service Registration and State Aid

- SEAA and CFI are working to find ways to ensure compliance with this requirement after the two year waiver ends.
- The two year waiver applies to “State-supported scholarships, programs for financial assistance for postsecondary education, or loans insured by any State agency...”

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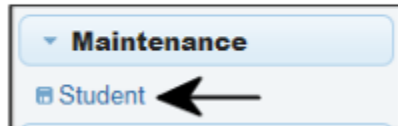
Fresh Start Initiative

- NCSEAA determined in late September that the Fresh Start initiative can apply to state grants
- Colleges should follow the Federal Guidance with regards to determining if a student can have a “Fresh Start”
- Colleges should override the Title IV rejection in the State Grants Portal for qualifying students

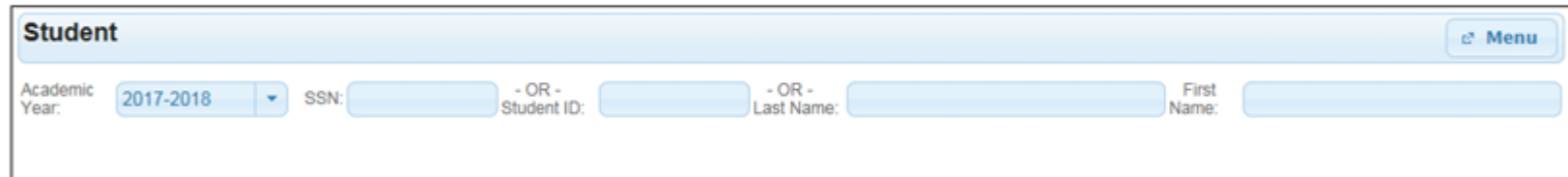
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Fresh Start Initiative – Title IV Override on State Grants Portal

In the Maintenance Menu, click the Student link.



The Student page is displayed.

A screenshot of the "Student" page in a web application. The page has a light blue header with the word "Student" on the left and a "Menu" button on the right. Below the header, there is a form with several input fields. The first field is labeled "Academic Year:" and contains a dropdown menu with "2017-2018" selected. To the right of this field are three input fields, each preceded by "SSN:", "- OR -", and "Student ID:" respectively. To the right of the "Student ID:" field are two more input fields, each preceded by "- OR -" and "Last Name:" respectively. To the right of the "Last Name:" field is a final input field preceded by "First Name:". All input fields are empty.

State Grants Update

Fresh Start Initiative – Title IV Override on State Grants Portal

Use any of the filters at the top of the page to find the student's record and navigate to the student's details. |

Student Menu

Academic Year: SSN: - OR - Student ID: - OR - Last Name: First Name:

Summary for 2017 - 2018

Name:	DREW A. BELL	Total Grants:	\$0.00
Student ID:	00000076405	Disbursed Amount:	\$0.00
Current CPS:	1	Adjustments:	\$0.00
Residency Discrepancy:	N	Undisbursed Amount:	\$0.00
		Pending Adjustments:	\$0.00

Actions

[Calculator](#)

[Update Enrollment](#)

[Update Grants Details](#)

[Update Student ID](#)

[Title IV Override](#)

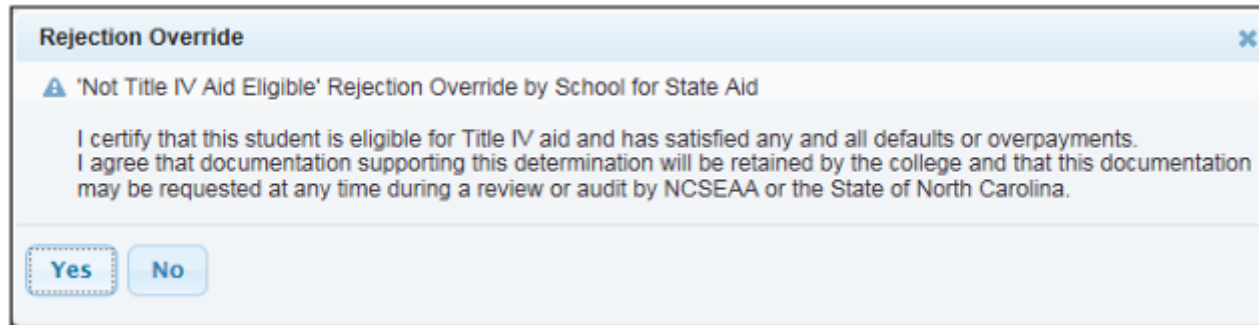
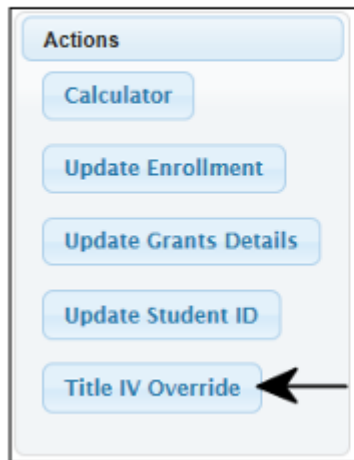
Grants | **Enrollment** | **Transactions** | **Tracking** | **Rejection Reasons**

Academic Year	Grant	Enrollment Period	CPS Number	Reason
2017 - 2018	CC	FALL	1	NOT TITLE IV AID ELIGIBLE
2017 - 2018	ELS	FALL	1	NOT TITLE IV AID ELIGIBLE
2017 - 2018	CC	SPRG	1	NOT TITLE IV AID ELIGIBLE
2017 - 2018	ELS	SPRG	1	NOT TITLE IV AID ELIGIBLE

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Under Actions, click the Title IV Override button.



Rejection Override [X]

⚠ 'Not Title IV Aid Eligible' Rejection Override by School for State Aid

I certify that this student is eligible for Title IV aid and has satisfied any and all defaults or overpayments.
I agree that documentation supporting this determination will be retained by the college and that this documentation may be requested at any time during a review or audit by NCSEAA or the State of North Carolina.

Yes No

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Fresh Start Initiative – Title IV Override on State Grants Portal

- Document the Fresh Start in the student file
- If the student was eligible for a state grant other than the Title IV rejection reason, the grant amount will populate once the override is done
- The grant will “fund” that night in our nightly processing, assuming funds are still available for the applicable grant program(s)

State Grants Update

RDS Enforced in State Grant Portal beginning 2022-2023

- To receive state grants in 2022-2023 and beyond, student must have completed RDS and received a resident determination (or a veteran/military status for NBS)
- Students that were receiving grants based on a school determination made prior to RDS implementation must now complete RDS to continue receiving state grants
- Students who did RDS but the determination is expired can continue to use that in state determination as long as they are/have been continuously enrolled at your college

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- Students reflecting a 'Y' for the RDS flag in state grants will be disbursed
- Students reflecting a 'U' for the RDS flag in state grants will NOT be disbursed until the flag reflects 'Y'
- Students reflecting an 'E' for the RDS flag in state grants, meaning they received a resident determination from RDS but that determination expired, WILL be disbursed. It's up to the college to ensure that student has been continuously enrolled since prior to RDS expiration.
- Exception is NBS and veterans, active duty military, or dependent of who do not have to be NC residents

State Grants Update

RDS Enforced in State Grant Portal beginning 2022-2023

Idea: At the start of yearly processing and periodically, use the filters on the State Grant Portal to find students who would be grant eligible but have not completed RDS

Awards Download, Interactive List: Leave filters at default of Funded Yes and Eligible Yes and click Refresh List

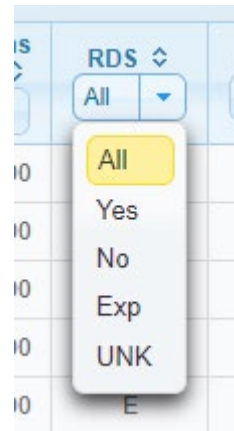
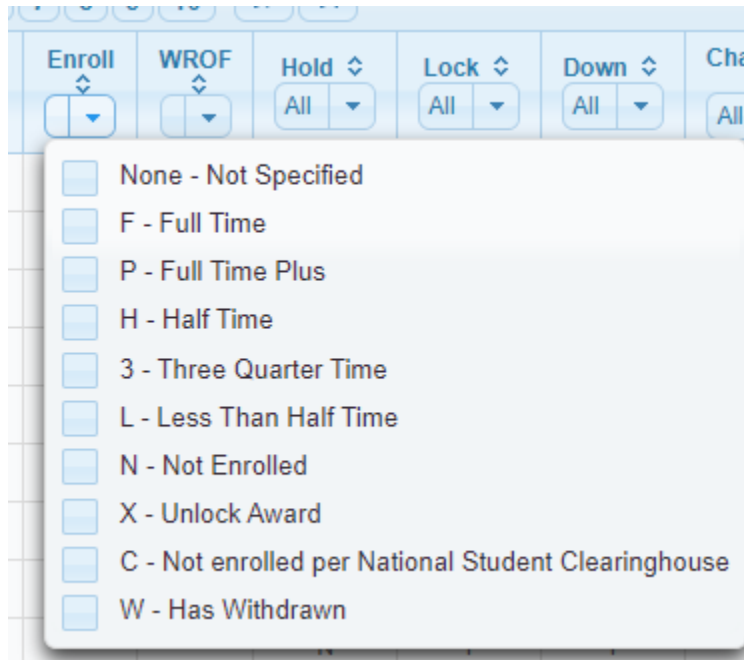
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Academic Year: Period: Grant Type: Funded: Eligible: [Refresh List](#)

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Use the detail filters to find those needing to do RDS. You can filter on enrollment status (not 'N', not blank, etc..) to find those you most need to review. Set the RDS filter to 'UNK' for unknown (same as 'U')



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RDS Enforced in State Grant Portal beginning 2022-2023

- CCs and UNC's track residency from the admissions side, so will have less monitoring than Private institutions
- Deadlines:
 - System-wide policy for CC and UNC set by NCCCS/UNC System
 - 45 days from term start date for Privates
- Deadlines are a School responsibility. Student's not meeting the deadline should not be awarded state grants for that term

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RDS Enforced in State Grant Portal beginning 2022-2023

ISSUE: Student has completed RDS, but state grants portal reflects 'U' for unknown and therefore, grant is not disbursing

Probable cause: Student has mismatched identifiers between the RDS system and State Grants (FAFSA)

- Look the student up in Cross Connect to determine if there is a mismatch
- Contact CFI to research the issue (especially if the student has an RCN or if you have a resident determination from RDS in your system)
- CFI can normally correct the mismatch if the erroneous data is on the RDS side

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North Carolina Guaranteed Scholarship

- The North Carolina Guaranteed Scholarship combines UNC, ELS and CC grants under one name and program
- Will begin 2023-2024
- NBS is not included and will continue as a separate program

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North Carolina Guaranteed Scholarship

- CCs will have a payment table based on EFC for NCGS that will be common to all campuses
- UNC's will have four separate payment tables based on tuition levels for students AGI 75K and less
- UNC's will have another separate payment table, common to all campuses, by EFC and in AGI bands for students above 75K and below 80K AGI.
- Program looks to guarantee all students a certain amount of aid between Pell and the state grant
- Payment tables not 100% finalized at this time

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North Carolina Guaranteed Scholarship

In the State Grants Portal:

- Due to time constraints, UNC campuses will continue to see 'UNC' and CC campuses will continue to see 'CC' as the grant types in the portal. ELS will go away.
- Beginning 23-24, UNC and CC types in the portal = NC Guaranteed Scholarship
- CFI has consulted with NCCCS and UNC System to make sure the new award name can be displayed to students even though the old codes will be coming from CFI
- UNC campuses MAY have a different processing flow due to the structure of the UNC payment tables. (table is still being finalized)

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North Carolina Guaranteed Scholarship

Payment tables will need to be re-visited with SAI

More formalized information and policy will be coming soon

Questions ?????

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