

How and When Financial Aid is Disbursed

How will I receive my financial aid? All scholarships, grants and loans awarded by the Financial Aid Office and accepted by you will be credited directly to your student account. If your student account is paid in full, Work Study is not credited to your account; rather it is paid via student payroll and can be picked up on the 15th and the last day of each month.

One half of your academic year award is credited to your account at the beginning of each semester. Outside scholarships/loans are not credited until the funds are received from the donor/lender. Unless a donor specifies otherwise, outside scholarships/loans are to be applied one half in the fall semester and one half in the spring semester. Financial aid is awarded for the academic year or a portion thereof during which a student anticipates being enrolled. Should a student discontinue a portion of that enrollment period, appropriate adjustments will be made to the student's award in accordance with the refund and return policies of Ellsworth Community College and the U.S Department of Education.

In the case of a student with a Federal Direct Stafford Student Loan, Ellsworth Community College will notify the federal government and loan servicer when the student drops below part-time status or ceases enrollment.

What happens if I am entitled to a refund to help cover some of my living expenses? If your student account is credited with more funds than you owe Ellsworth Community College, you will receive a check for the amount of your credit balance. Refunds can be picked up in our Business Office the Friday following the day your student account shows a credit.

If a Federal Direct PLUS Loan creates the credit, the excess funds will be mailed to the parent borrower.