



# FINANCIAL AID

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR AWARD LETTER

1. How to read your award letter.
2. Read and understand the award letter terminology below.
3. If your parent or anyone else will be helping you with your financial aid, make sure you sign a release form (available on the financial page of the website). We cannot talk to anyone about your financial aid without your permission.
4. Make sure you understand the Satisfactory Academic Policy (available on the financial aid page of the website). You must maintain good SAP in order to receive financial aid.
5. Compare what you owe to the school to your award letter. Do you have sufficient funding to cover all of your expenses? (See instructions available on the financial aid page of the website)
6. Remember, financial is paid to students to assist in their education. If you leave before the semester is over, you may owe money back to the government.

2009-2010 Award Information

AWARD TYPE	Fall 2010 Credits				Spring 2011 Credits			
	12-15	9-11	6-8	1-5	12-15	9-11	6-8	1-5
Federal Pell Grant	2775	2082	1388	694	2775	2081	1387	694
Minnesota State Grant	See MN Grant table for term award by enrollment							
Federal SEOG Grant	250	188	125		250	188	125	
Sub Federal Direct Loan	1750	1750	1750		1750	1750	1750	
Unsub Federal Direct Loan	3000	3000	3000		3000	3000	3000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7775</b>	<b>7020</b>	<b>6263</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>7775</b>	<b>7019</b>	<b>6262</b>	<b>694</b>

The Minnesota State Grant amount is different at each credit level starting with 3 credits and reaching the maximum amount at 15 credits. To determine the award amount based upon the actual credits that you have enrolled in, refer to the table below which shows the amounts per semester. The below table shows your semester MN State Grant award at each possible credit level. Find the number of credits you plan to register for during a semester and you can determine your MN State Grant Award.

Your MN State Grant may change marginally once tuition rates are approved by the MnSCU Board.

If at any time during the year, you have attended college for the equivalent of four years full-time, you will no longer be eligible for MN State Grant, including the amount awarded on the below table, and possible payments already received.

>>>>>>> Minnesota State Grant Term Award Amounts By Credit Level <<<<<<<<<

Credits	15+	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Award	186	0	0	0	89	0	0	191	0	0	292	97	0

The National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS) has reported that you have the following loans. If there is nothing listed, NSLDS may not have received the information prior to you filing your FAFSA.

## Step 1. AWARD LETTER TERMINOLOGY

<b>PELL</b> (Pell Grant)	Federal funding that is a <b>gift of money and does not have to be repaid</b> . The amount shown on your award letter is based on enrollment of 12 or more credits per semester. If you are enrolled for less than 12 credits, your award will be reduced.
<b>MNSG</b> (MN State Grant)	State funding that is a <b>gift money and does not have to be repaid</b> . You must be a MN resident to be eligible for this grant. The amount shown on your award letter is based on enrollment of 15 or more credits per semester. If you are enrolled for less than 15 credits, your award will be reduced.
<b>SEOG</b> (Federal SEOG)	Federal funding that is a <b>gift money and does not have to be repaid</b> . This federal grant is given to students with the lowest expected family contribution on a “first-come-first-serve” basis. Funding is limited.
<b>ACG</b> (Federal Academic Competitive Grant)	Federal funding that is a <b>gift of money that does not have to be repaid</b> . This grant is based upon completion of a rigorous high school curriculum and GPA. The grant is also renewable for the second year if the student maintains a 3.0 Grad Point Average (GPA).
<b>WSEL</b>	You have indicated on your FAFSA that you are interested in the Workstudy program. The amount listed is what you are eligible to earn. Please see the Financial Aid Office to sign up.
<b>Fed Direct Sub Loan</b>	<b>Loans require a separate application! They are not automatically given to you. Please go to the Financial Aid page of the Mesabi Website <a href="http://www.mesabirange.edu">www.mesabirange.edu</a> and click on Federal Direct Student Loan and follow the instructions.</b>  You are eligible to apply for this federally subsidized loan. Ask Financial Aid what the current interest rate is. <u>It is capped at 8.25%</u> . The government pays the interest rate for you until 6 months after you are no longer at least a half-time student. You also do not begin making payments on the loan until that time. The amount listed on your award letter is the <b>maximum</b> amount that you are allowed to borrow. In order to keep your borrowing to a minimum, determine your costs for the academic year and only borrow what you feel you need. <b>Remember: <u>you may need to borrow additional student loans each year, so do not over-borrow at this time.</u> You must have an “Entrance Loan Counseling” session in order to borrow under this loan program.</b> This is included in the on-line loan application process. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.
<b>Fed Direct Unsub Loan</b>	<b>Loans require a separate application! They are not automatically given to you. Please go to the Financial Aid page of the Mesabi Website <a href="http://www.mesabirange.edu">www.mesabirange.edu</a> and click on Federal Direct Student Loan and follow the instructions.</b>  You are eligible to apply for this low interest rate loan. Ask Financial Aid what the current interest rate is. <u>It is capped at 8.25%</u> . Though you are charged interest from the time it is borrowed, you do not need to make interest payments or payments on the loan until 6 months after you are no longer at least a half-time student. The amount listed on your award letter is the <b>maximum</b> amount that you are allowed to borrow. In order to keep your borrowing to a minimum, determine your costs for the academic year and only borrow what you feel you need. <b>Remember: <u>you may need to borrow additional student loans each year, so do not over-borrow at this time.</u> You must have an “Entrance Loan Counseling” session in order to borrow under this loan program.</b> This is included in the on-line loan application process. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

**PLUS**  
(Plus Loan)

**Loans require a separate application! They are not automatically given to you. Please go to the Financial Aid page of the Mesabi Website [www.mesabirange.edu](http://www.mesabirange.edu) and click on Federal Direct Parent Loan and follow the instructions.**

A student's parent borrows this federal loan. Ask the financial aid office what the current interest rate is. Half of the amount your parent borrows is disbursed each semester. Payments do not begin until 60 days after the last loan check is disbursed. Payments can be as low as \$50.00 a month depending on the total amount that is borrowed up to the full cost of education minus any financial aid you will receive. If your parent is denied the loan due to poor credit, you may be eligible to borrow additional \$4000 under the Unsubsidized Direct Loan program. A separate application is required. Please contact the Financial Aid office if your parents are interested in this program.

## **Step 2. Complete A Release form: See Financial Aid Forms & Applications Section**

## **Step 3. Understand Satisfactory Academic Progress: See Policy in Satisfactory Academic Progress Section**

## **Step 4. Know how much you owe. Do you have enough in financial aid to cover your expenses.**

Go to eservices and check your account.

MESABI RANGE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE VIRGINIA CAMPUS

Student e-Services

Home

Account Management

Courses & Registration

Grades and Transcripts

Financial Aid

Bills and Payment

Balance Due by Term

Full Account Detail

Make a Payment

Contact Us

Campus Links

Return to Mesabi Range Web Site

Mesabi Range Community & Technical College  
1001 Chestnut Street West

Norse ID 00001327 | [Logout](#)  
[Switch to Employee e-Services](#)

### Balance Due by Term

This page displays the balance due for the current and previous term for this institution, and any other MnSCU institutions where you have an ou

Institution	Term	Balance
Mesabi/Range Comm and Tech College	<a href="#">Fall 2009</a>	\$ 0.00

- To view details of charges and payments, click on the Term Link in the Term column in the table above.

[View Existing Payment Plan \(s\)](#)

Your FACTS Payment Plan agreement(s) may be viewed here, if you have completed the FACTS enrollment process. You must provide your FACTS Access Code that was identified on your FACTS Confirmation Notification or your FACTS User ID and Password. **WARNING!** Clicking this link will open a new browser window at a new site. The current browser window will return from FACTS and manually close it.

Step 5. Avoid repayment of financial aid for withdrawals.



If you **Withdraw** from All of your classes

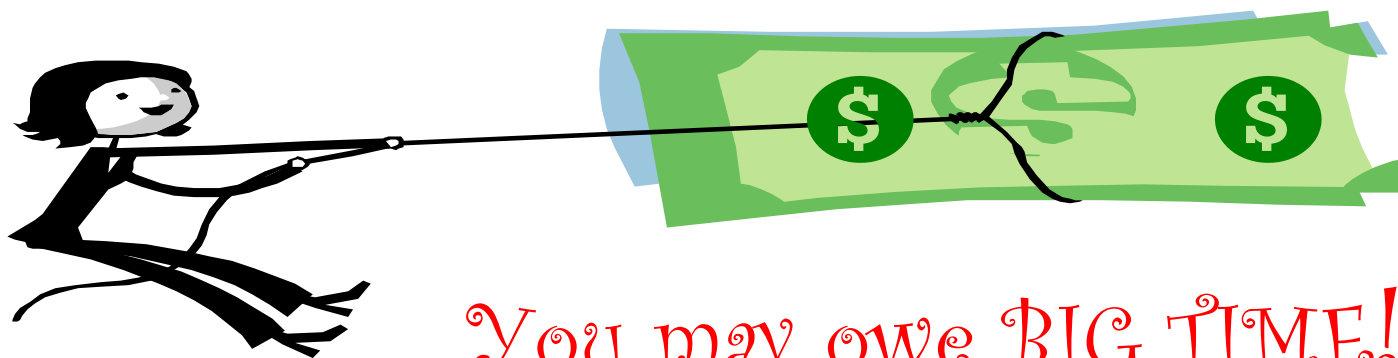
After **Financial Aid** has been

**Disbursed...**

There may be

**Severe Financial Consequences**

For you!



*You may owe BIG TIME!*

If you are thinking about **WITHDRAWING** from **ALL** of your classes after

add/drop day.....You **MUST** be aware of the Federal Refund/Repayment Regulations for anyone who has received one or more of the following:

- Pell Grant
- FSEOG Grant
- Direct Student Loan

Please read the following example for Jane/John Student carefully,

1. ENROLLED FOR 12 CREDITS	Cost: \$1793.00
Financial Aid Received for term:	Pell: \$2366.00
	Direct Loan: <u>\$1750.00</u>
	Total Federal Aid: \$4116.00

Aid minus tuition/fees = student receives for living: \$2323.00

2. STUDENT WITHDRAWS after attending 1 month of school. Tuition and fees charges are not reduced because it was after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the term. Financial aid refund is based upon percentage of term completed. In this example, 27% of the term was completed, so 73% of the aid was unearned since the student is not complete entire term.

3. CALCULATION OF REFUND

Total aid received: \$4116.00

“Unearned” Federal aid \$3004.68

Amount the MRCTC must return: \$3004.68

*1750.00 Direct Loan and 1254.68 Pell*

The amount returned to the Direct Loan Program reduces the student’s indebtedness to Direct, but creates an amount due the college, which if not paid will be turned over to collections.

Amount student still owes Federal Government

Pell: \$0

Direct Loan Program: \$0

If a student owes the Pell grant program and fails to repay the Pell Grant Program will result in the student being denied federal aid at any future college.

4. NOT DOING A FORMAL WITHDRAWL-JUST STOPPED COMING TO CLASS-won’t work either

\*Regulations require the school to refund 50% of all Federal Aid\*