

Title IV Authorization Frequently Asked Questions

What are federal Title IV funds?

Title IV funds are federal student aid funds, which are from federal student aid programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education regulations only allow schools to use your Federal Student Aid to pay for *current academic year institutional charges*, unless you have granted permission to apply these funds to non-allowable charges as well.

Title IV funds include:

- Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans
- Direct Graduate PLUS Loans
- Direct PLUS Loans
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOGs)
- Federal Perkins Loans

Federal Title IV funds do not include scholarships from the University or other private organizations.

Allowable charges:

- Tuition
- Mandatory fees
- Room and Board, if contracted with the University

Non-Allowable charges include:

- Parking permits
- Library fines
- Late fees
- Health Center charges
- Book Voucher charges

How are Title IV funds applied to my account?

The U.S. Department of Education requires that Title IV funds be applied to specific allowable charges. Allowable charges include: tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board billed by the University. If your total of Title IV funds exceeds the total of these qualifying charges, the University must refund that excess to you unless you give permission to do otherwise.

Does the authorization form need to be signed each year?

No. The authorization remains in effect while you are a student at Clarion University of PA. It may be rescinded or changed by sending a written request to the Student Financial Services Office, 114 Becht Hall, 840 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214 or emailing from your official Clarion University eagle mail account to stfinservice@clarion.edu with subject: Title IV Authorization.

Complete the Title IV Authorization ([Link with instructions](#)) TBD

What if I don't grant the authorizations?

- If you do not grant authorization, your federal financial aid and loans cannot be used to pay for charges other than tuition, fees, University housing and meal plans and any excess aid will be refunded to you. Therefore, you may receive a refund and may simultaneously be sent a bill for any charges that could not be paid with your Title IV aid. Receiving a refund does not indicate that there are no pending charges on your account.

Sample Account – Unauthorized to pay non institutional charges

Term Charges	Amount	Date Posted
Book Voucher	50.00	06/14/2018
Technology Fee	75.00	06/14/2018
Activity Fee	95.00	06/14/2018
Instructional Support Fee	234.00	06/14/2018
Tuition	4,929.00	06/14/2018
Biology Course Fee	10.00	06/17/2018
Late Fee Ugrad	50.00	08/08/2018
Total Term Charges	5,393	
Term Credits		
Admissions Deposit	-150.00	05/15/2018
WebPayment-Debit	-201.00	08/13/2018
Federal Pell Grant	-1940.00	08/18/2018
Fed DL Stafford Sub Ln 1	-2226.00	08/18/2018
Fed DL Stafford Unsub Ln 1	-990.00	08/18/2018
Federal Direct Parent PLUS Ln 1	-958.00	08/18/2018
Total Term Credits	-6,465	

Refunds

Refund 1,102 08/20/2018

Note: Even though a refund was issued for \$1102, this student would still owe \$100.00 of non-institutional charges (\$50 Book Voucher, and \$50 Late Fee)

If this student had completed the Title IV Authorization, their federal funds would have paid the \$100 in non-institutional charges, and the refund would have been \$1,002.