Am I paying twice, the lender and the University, for the same funds?

No. Once the University determines the amount to be returned to the DOE, it is applied towards the outstanding balance with the lender.

What does “You will repay the remaining ‘unearned’ loan proceeds” mean?

This means that when you go into repayment on your student loan(s) you will repay these “unearned” loan proceeds, which is part of the balance owed on your loan(s).

What if I withdraw permanently from the University, yet I’ve received funding?

Students who wish to withdraw permanently from National University must fill out a “University Withdrawal Form,” which is available at www.nu.edu by typing Withdrawal Form in the search bar. The enrollment status of such students will be changed to “University Drop” and you will be immediately withdrawn from the University and all future classes will be deleted from your schedule. Federal student aid recipients should refer to the Financial Aid Refund Policy in the General Catalog for information regarding return to lender consequences of this request.

Where can I find out more information about this?

This information is available in the current catalog as well as on the National University website. You can view this at www.nu.edu, select Admissions, then select Financial Aid, then select Financial Aid Guides and Forms, then click the National University Financial Aid Guide link or you may contact your local Admissions Office.

Other helpful numbers:

- The California Student Aid Commission
  (888) 224-7268
- The Federal Student Aid Information Center
  (866) 514-5948

The University of Values
(866) 628-8988
www.nu.edu
Why did I receive this notification?

You received this notice due to withdrawing from an aid period during which you received federal student aid prior to completing more than 60 percent of this aid period. The University must, by regulation, return funds to the lender on your behalf.

What is a payment period or period of funding?

Federal student aid funding is awarded based on an academic year. Each academic year encompasses two payment periods. The first payment period is comprised of at least half of the course work in the academic year as measured in units and weeks-of-instruction, with the second payment period comprising the remaining course work in the academic year. For instance, if you are requesting loan money for a total of 36 units that spans eight months, this is considered an academic year. If two disbursements are received during the academic year, the periods of time your funds cover is defined as the payment period. In most cases the funds would cover one period of 18 units over four months.

What does “Withdrawn” mean?

You are considered withdrawn when you notify the University that you will be dropping your course work, or at anytime you are not officially in attendance for 45 consecutive days at the University. As part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, Congress passed new provisions regarding refund policies and procedures for students who have received federal student assistance and are considered withdrawn from the school.

What does “earned” mean?

Once 60 percent of the payment period has been completed you have “earned” 100 percent of the funds for that payment period. For instance, if you withdraw, or separate, from the University and have completed 84 days out of 112 days (13.5 of 18 units), you have completed 75 percent of the payment period and have “earned” the funds. “Earned” means that National University is not required to refund monies on your behalf. To be eligible for additional funding, satisfactory academic progress must be maintained.

What does “unearned” mean?

Unearned funds are created if a payment period for which you have been funded is not satisfactorily completed. If you did not complete more than 60 percent of the payment period for which you received funding (prior to being considered withdrawn) then Federal regulations require National University to refund a portion of your unearned funds. For instance, if you withdrew or separated from the University after only completing 28 days out of the 112 days (4.5 out of 18 units) you’ve only completed 25 percent of the payment period, not “earning” the full amount disbursed.

What if I was given all of the funds and decided not to continue attending?

If you have completed more than 60 percent of the payment period, the University is not required to return any “unearned” funds. If you completed less than 60 percent of the payment period prior to withdrawing, federal student aid regulations requires the University to return a proportional amount of your unearned funds to the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).

What if I have received funds and now have a 45-day break but am scheduled to take classes in the future?

Once a 45-day break occurs, and you have not completed more than 60 percent of the payment period, the proportional amount of unearned funds that the University determines you received must be returned to the lender. You may be eligible to reapply for these funds if upon your return you meet the minimum loan period requirement for processing needed to complete your academic year, and if you return prior to 180 days from the last date of attendance.

What if I have a zero balance?

Yes, the University is required to return these funds on your behalf within 45 days of your withdrawal. The University is required to remit payment on your behalf regardless if the funds are available. If the return of funds creates a balance owed to the University, the student must make arrangements to satisfy the financial obligation within 45 days and prior to recommencing attendance in course work.

What happens to my outstanding loan balance if the University returns funds?

Upon receipt of funds from the University the DOE applies these funds to your outstanding balance reducing your outstanding loan balance.