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The purpose of this document is to describe the reimbursement policies campuses are required to follow regarding the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship program (WOS). The WOS reimbursement policies go into effect beginning in AY 2011 - 2012, and are analogous to those used for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) program.

Calculating a WOS refund for students who withdraw from all of their courses at the institution

If a student withdraws from the institution during an academic term, the amount of the WOS refund will be determined by the refund schedule of the institution. The total refund as a percent of the total instructional and general fees charged to the student shall constitute the percent of the WOS award for the term which is to be refunded to the Ohio Board of Regents.

For example, if a student withdraws and is entitled to a refund of 60 percent of the total instructional and general fees charged for the term, the institution must refund 60 percent of the student's WOS allotment for the term to the Ohio Board of Regents. If a student withdraws and is entitled to a refund of 100 percent of the total instructional and general fees charged for the term, the institution must refund 100 percent of the student's WOS allotment for the term to the Ohio Board of Regents.

Calculating a WOS refund for students who drop below 12 credit hours (or the equivalent)

If a student reduces his or her enrollment to less than 12 credit hours (with tuition reduction to less than 12 credit hours) the total WOS allotment for the term must be refunded to the Ohio Board of Regents.

If a student drops below 12 credit hours after the institutions freeze date, but during the institutions refund period, the amount of the WOS refund will be determined by the percentage reduction in the student’s actual fee charges.

For example, if a student drops from 12 credit hours with tuition/fee charges of $2,596 to 8 credit hours with tuition/fee charges of $1,952, the tuition fee reduction would be $644 or 25 percent. Consequently, the institution would refund 25 percent of the student's WOS allotment for that term to the Ohio Board of Regents.