

### **Purpose**

This policy establishes a Census Date for Strayer University (the “University”) and its application in academic and financial aid administration. The Census Date is applied to all students for purposes of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculations and is used to determine enrollment intensity for students receiving Federal Pell Grants and some state aid programs.

SAP calculations are performed for all students; however, SAP status only affects Title IV aid eligibility for students receiving federal financial aid.

### **Authority to Implement/Modify Policy**

This policy is subject to change to ensure compliance with administrative and regulatory requirements. Students and University staff will be notified of any changes to this policy as soon as practicable. Questions regarding this policy should be addressed to the Vice President, Financial Aid.

### **Overview**

In accordance with federal regulations, the University recalculates Federal Pell Grant awards based on a student’s enrollment intensity as of the published Census Date. Enrollment intensity includes only those credits for which the student has begun attendance. Attendance is recorded based on documented participation in an academically related activity within the University’s learning management system or, for on-ground classes, through faculty-recorded attendance.

The Census Date is the fourth Monday of each academic term.

The Census Date does not impact eligibility for Federal Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized, or PLUS Loans.

### **Withdrawals and SAP Treatment**

W: Withdrawal from a class prior to the Census Date:

- Not included in attempted or completed credits for SAP purposes
- Does not impact grade point average (GPA) or pace of completion

WP: Withdrawal from a class on or after the Census Date but before the last day to withdraw without academic penalty:

- Included in attempted credits but not completed credits
- Impacts pace of completion but not GPA

When a student withdraws from all classes, the University performs a Return of Title IV (R2T4) calculation as required under federal regulations.

If the withdrawal from all classes occurs prior to the Census Date, the amount of their Pell Grant, if applicable, is first recalculated based on the actual enrollment intensity and attendance prior to withdrawal. The recalculated Pell amount is then included in the R2T4 calculation, along with any other federal financial aid received.

### **Federal Pell Grant Programs**

Federal Pell Grant awards are based on a student's enrollment intensity as of the Census Date and require confirmation of attendance in each class included in that student's enrollment. Attendance is defined as participation in an academically related activity, such as submission of an assignment, completion of a quiz or exam, or active participation in an academic discussion, as documented in the University's learning management system or class records. Logging into a class without active participation does not constitute attendance.

- If a student reduces enrollment prior to the Census Date, the Pell Grant will be recalculated based on the updated enrollment intensity. The student may be required to return funds if the revised enrollment level does not justify the amount disbursed.
- If a student increases enrollment on or after the Census Date, credits added on or after that date will not be included in the Pell Grant calculation.

### **State Aid Programs**

State aid programs that use the Census Date include the Florida Student Assistance Grant, the Pennsylvania State Grant Program, and the Vermont State Grant. These programs use the Census Date to determine a student's enrollment level for eligibility and award amount.

- If a student reduces their enrollment prior to the Census Date, state grant awards may be adjusted based on the updated enrollment level. The student may be required to return funds if the revised enrollment level does not satisfy the state requirement for the amount disbursed.
- If a student increases enrollment on or after the Census Date, credits added on or after that date will not be included in the determination of state grant eligibility or award amounts.

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program does not use a Census Date in determining student eligibility or award amounts.

***Please Note:*** *Strayer University has voluntarily withdrawn from participation in the following grant programs and students will no longer be eligible to participate in these grant programs after the effective date noted.*

*Florida: Conclusion of Spring 2026 (effective June 22, 2026)*

*Vermont: Conclusion of Spring 2026 (effective June 22, 2026)*

*Pennsylvania: Conclusion of Summer 2026 (September 21, 2026)*

### **Federal Loan Programs**

Federal Loans are disbursed based on attendance in classes at the time of disbursement. The Census Date does not impact loan disbursement amounts. However, if a student withdraws from all classes, either before or after the Census Date, an R2T4 calculation will be performed, which may require a portion of the funds to be returned, including funds the student received as a refund. The R2T4 calculation may result in the student incurring a balance for some or all of the funds the student received as a refund.