

Freeze Dates

- Make sure your enrollment is correct by the financial aid freeze date to ensure you will receive all your aid. You can check your enrollment by logging into your <u>PAWS</u> account, clicking on the Student tab, selecting Registration, Term, and Student Schedule by Day and Time.
- Federal Pell grants are calculated based upon credit hours/classes enrolled in as of the census or "freeze date" for financial aid. Federal Pell is not paid for classes withdrawn from prior to the class start date. Federal Pell is not recalculated for classes added after the freeze date or for classes withdrawn from after Federal Pell is paid.
- Number of enrolled weeks and credits hours will be combined for compressed (part of term) classes as long as all enrollments show up as of the "freeze date".
- Up until the first published freeze date, students may opt for the late freeze date. After the first published freeze date has passed, all Federal Pell calculations will be based on the last freeze date.

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Freeze Dates	09/11/2014	02/12/15	06/15/15
Students	10/27/2014	04/09/15	
starting midterm			

Financial Aid Refunds*

If your financial aid exceeds your Barton account balance, the difference will be issued to you as a refund for you to use for educational expenses.



Barton Choice Card-- If you will be receiving a financial aid refund, you will receive a Barton Choice Card in the mail. The card allows you to indicate your refund preference -- debit card, direct deposit, or paper check mailed directly to you. If you have a card already, you will continue to use the same one while at Barton. If you don't have a card, look for the lime green envelope in the mail! It will be mailed to you in early August or right before payout.

*If you wish to receive an Opt-Out Book Refund, please contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@bartonccc.edu. http://www.bartoncougars.com/financialaid/textbooks

Estimating Federal Pell Grant Disbursement Amounts

Number of Credit Hours	Enrollment Status	Approximate Portion of Term Pell	
12 + hours	Full-time	100%	
9 – 11 hours	Three Quarter	75%	
6 – 8 hours	Half-time	50%	
1 – 5 hours	Less Than Half Time	25%	
		2070	

- The award amounts on your PAWS account is for attendance for at least 15 weeks during the term and 12 credit hours.
- Federal Pell will be prorated according to the actual number of weeks and credit hours in which you are enrolled.
- If your total attendance is less than 15 weeks, take the "Approximate Portion of Term Pell" from the chart below, multiply times the total number of weeks of enrollment and divide by 15 weeks to determine your Pell amount.
- Federal Pell is not recalculated for hours added or dropped after the freeze date.

- Barton must have an official copy of your high school or GED transcript prior to disbursement of any financial aid.
- Loans will not be paid out until you are attending at least half time (6 credit hours).
- Loans will not be paid for enrollment periods of less than nine weeks within a semester.
- Loans for students who do not meet the nine week criteria prior to the first disbursement date of the semester will not receive their loan disbursements until the first payout after the late freeze date.
- Federal Pell grants for late starting classes will not be paid until after the drop date of the class.

<u>Refunds—What can Federal</u> <u>Funds be Used For??</u>

(This is as per your agreement with the Department of ED when you signed your FAFSA.)

Your Federal funds refund can be used for the following educational expenses:

- Tuition and fees,
- Books and supplies,
- Housing, utilities, food,
- Transportation (gas,public transportation fee, etc.)
- Computer and internet,
- Educationally-related Insurance,
- Clinical expenses,
 Tool expense,
- Child care expenses while attending class.

What your Federal funds refund *cannot* be used for:

- Car purchase, repair, lease, or payments,
- Vacation.
- Electronics other than PC (TV, stereo, cell phone, camera, MP3 player, etc.),
- Pet expenses,
- Tatoos, piercings, or any other body enhancement
- Plastic surgery,
- Wedding expenses,
- Gifts for others,
- Home repairs or improvement,
- Credit card debts.
- Financial support of spouse or dependents.
- Gambling



Refund Payout Dates

Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
September 23, 2014	February 24, 2015	June 23, 2015
October 7, 2014	March 10, 2015	July 14, 2015
October 21, 2014	March 24, 2015	July 21, 2015
November 4, 2014 (Late Freeze Date Refund)	April 8, 2015	
November 18, 2014	April 21, 2015 (Late Freeze Date Refund)	
November 25, 2014	April 28, 2015	
December 9, 2014	May 5, 2015	
	May 12, 2015	

Eligible Programs and Courses

- Students must be seeking an eligible degree or certificate at Barton to receive federal financial aid.
- Link to list of Barton's Programs of Study-http://www.bartonccc.edu/instruction/programs/ii
- http://www.bartonccc.edu/instruction/programs/index.html . Programs not eligible for federal aid are identified.
- Make sure to work with your advisor. Federal aid cannot be paid for classes that do not count towards your Barton degree/certificate even if they would transfer for a degree or certificate at another school.
- You may only receive federal aid for 150% of your program length.
- Courses that are self-paced (where students can work at their own pace) are not eligible for federal financial aid.
- Courses that begin and end in different academic terms are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

Ways to Use Federal Financial Aid to Purchase Books

- Main campus students may go to the Business Office to see if they are eligible to pick up a book promissory note for the bookstore.
- Edukan students should contact Linda Haberman at habermanl@bartonccc.edu.
- BartOnline students will receive a book voucher to purchase books with via their bartoncougars.org email account. Starting on July 7th, 2014. This voucher will automatically be sent once your financial aid has been awarded and you have fulfilled all requirements listed on your PAWS account. Please note in order for Bartonline books to be charged to your financial aid, Enrollment Services must have your official high school or GED transcript.
- Opt-out refunds are available the 7th day of the enrollment period for students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, have completed an Opt-Out Form, and meet all of the eligibility requirements. More information is available at this link: http://www.bartoncougars.com/financialaid/textbooks

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