

Award Terms and Conditions

Awards must be accepted within two weeks of your award notification date.

Your awards are based on a review of your FAFSA and/or institutional financial aid applications received. UDC-DCSL reserves the right to modify your financial aid award for any reason, such as changes in your financial aid eligibility, residency, program division, academic standing or enrollment, or subsequent private or institutional scholarships, employer tuition assistance, or veteran benefits received.

Scholarship Recipients

With the exception of The Advocate for Justice Scholarship, institutional scholarship awards are not renewable. Students must apply annually to be considered for scholarship aid.

First Time Direct Loan Borrowers

All first time Direct Loan borrowers are required to complete applicable Master Promissory Notes (Unsubsidized and/or Graduate PLUS) and graduate/professional loan entrance counseling before your funds may disburse. This requirement can be completed by visiting www.studentloans.gov.

Grad PLUS Loan Borrowers

In accordance with the terms of the Graduate PLUS Loan *Credit Check Authorization Form* submitted to the Office of Financial Aid, your credit will be pulled once you accept your Grad PLUS award offer through your MyUDC account. Any student who is denied a Grad PLUS Loan will receive a courtesy email from the Office of Financial Aid with further instructions.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP)

Federal regulations require students to meet SAP in three areas in order to remain eligible for federal aid. As specified in the School of Law's *Student Handbook* (www.law.udc.edu/?Handbooks), students must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and complete their degree within a maximum time frame. In addition, students must pass at least 67% of the courses they attempt. If a student fails to maintain SAP, the Office of Financial Aid may place the student on financial aid probation or terminate financial aid.

Return of Title IV Funds Policy (Federal Loans)

Federal regulations require us to calculate a Return of Title IV Funds on federal financial aid recipients who officially or unofficially withdraw from all classes on or before the 60% attendance point in the semester. A student who wishes to withdraw from all classes is responsible for contacting the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs to officially withdraw. (An unofficial withdrawal occurs when a student registers for classes but does not attend.) The Office of Financial Aid will notify the student of the amount and source of financial aid that must be returned, financial aid status, and exit counseling requirement where applicable. Please note that the Tuition Refund Policy and Federal Return of Title IV Funds Policy are two independent policies. Depending on when a student withdraws both policies may be applicable. As a result, the student may owe a balance or may be due a refund.

If you have questions regarding the terms and conditions of your award, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hart at (202) 274-6276, enhart@udc.edu or Ms. Lawrence at (202) 274-7337, dalmarie.lawrence@udc.edu.

Please remember that you must now navigate back to your MyUDC Account to accept the award terms and conditions and your award offer.

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