

# Dartmouth College Financial Aid Office

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## *Consumer Information for Financial Aid Recipients*

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This brochure provides general information about your rights and responsibilities as a financial aid recipient and directions to more detailed material on various web sites. Dartmouth's *Financial Aid Handbook*, found at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/apply/financialaid/geninfo/index.html>, addresses Dartmouth policies and procedures as well as additional federal regulations that govern financial aid programs. You will also find information about living off-campus, foreign study abroad, transfer and exchange terms, the Dartmouth Plan, budgeting (books, cars, etc.), and meeting the parent and student contributions. The handbook also addresses some common Questions & Answers about Dartmouth financial aid programs. If you are unable to access this information online, please contact the Financial Aid Office for a printed copy.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):** Financial aid recipients must remain in good academic standing, according to the Dean of the College, and maintain satisfactory quantitative standards or progression towards the degree (earn a certain number of credits within a specified number of terms) to retain eligibility for federal funds. Refer to the *Student Handbook* for details.

Students do not normally receive Dartmouth scholarship funds during a 13<sup>th</sup> term of enrollment, although loan funds, employment eligibility, and other federal funding may be available.

**Refunds and Return of Title IV Funds:** The College policy for students withdrawing from the College, voluntarily or by dismissal, is available in the *Dartmouth College Financial Aid Handbook* and the *Dartmouth College Bulletin - Organization, Regulations, and Courses*.

Briefly, refunds for tuition depend upon the period of time remaining in a term after the withdrawal date and are as follows: 100% if prior to the first day of classes, 90% during the first week, 75% during the second and third weeks, 50% during the fourth week, and 25% during the fifth week. Room refunds are prorated based on the day the room is vacated. There are no refunds after the end of the fifth week.

Meal plan charges are pro-rated. The option cost of DBA plans is pro-rated, and actual credit balances are refunded. For financial aid recipients, the amount returned to the student or family is dependent upon a number of factors.

The amount of scholarship retained and/or the amount of repayment due to federal programs must be calculated in accordance with applicable regulations and formulas and are also based on the percentage of earned charges. Scholarship and loan adjustments and return of federal funds are recorded to the student's account. Title IV funds must be returned in the following order: unsubsidized and subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, PLUS Loans, Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, and other Title IV assistance. Institutional scholarship funds are generally retained in proportion to the percentage of earned charges. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

**Rights and Responsibilities:** Parents and students have the following responsibilities: 1) to complete in a timely, thorough, and accurate manner all application forms and to submit them to the appropriate agencies; 2) to provide the Financial Aid Office with all requested documentation; 3) to read, understand, and retain copies of all forms that are distributed; 4) to read, understand, and retain copies of all loan repayment agreements; 5) to apply or reapply for any scholarship or grant from sources outside the College and to report directly to the Financial Aid Office all awards received. Parents and students have the right to expect that all records will be maintained in a confidential manner and that financial aid staff will provide information about how aid is determined and distributed upon request. Information students submit to our office may be shared with other agencies and institutions providing funds for financial aid, with authorization from students and/or parents.

**Accreditation:** Dartmouth College is accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Universities. A copy of the accreditation report may be obtained from the Provost's Office.

**Graduation Rate:** The percentage of students in the most recent graduating class, the Class of 2008, who successfully completed their degree requirements in four years, was 88%. When the rate is calculated after several years, the number will be higher. For example, after four years, the graduation rate for the Class of 2006 was 86%. At the end of June 2008, 95% of Class of 2006 students had graduated.

**Dartmouth Degrees & Courses:**

Courses: [http://www.dartmouth.edu/home/academics\\_research/courses\\_calendars.html](http://www.dartmouth.edu/home/academics_research/courses_calendars.html)

Faculty: [http://www.dartmouth.edu/home/academics\\_research/faculty.html](http://www.dartmouth.edu/home/academics_research/faculty.html)

A paper copy is available in the Registrar's Office.

**On Line Consumer Information:**

General Information about Federal Financial Aid Programs: The federal government maintains a web site with general program information at [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov).

Drug and Alcohol Abuse: Information is available in the Dartmouth Campus Security Report, issued annually. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~healthed/focus/aod/aodresources.html>.

Loan Deferments: Information about federal education loan deferments can be obtained from Student Financial Services (Perkins Loans), or directly from your lender (Stafford Loans).

Disabled Students: A description of facilities and services available to disabled students can be found at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~accessibility/>.

Campus Security Report: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~security/information/clery-act/>. A paper copy is available from the Safety and Security Office.

Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act Report:

[http://dartmouthsports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB\\_OEM\\_ID=11600&KEY=&ATCLID=584953](http://dartmouthsports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=11600&KEY=&ATCLID=584953). A paper copy is available from the Dartmouth Athletics Department.

FERPA: A description of a student's rights under the Buckley Amendments (Privacy Act) can be found at:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>. A paper copy is available in the Dean of the College Office or the Financial Aid Office.

**Questions, Information, Etc.:** The Dartmouth Financial Aid Office is open from 9:00 to 4:00, Monday through Friday. We can also be contacted by email at [financial.aid@dartmouth.edu](mailto:financial.aid@dartmouth.edu). Walk-ins are welcome. No appointments are necessary.

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