

## Can I use my financial aid award to purchase books?

Students with financial aid awards in excess of tuition and fees can use the excess funds in the HCC Bookstore, beginning two to three weeks before the start of each semester and ending at census.\* Exact dates will be published on the Financial Aid Services webpage.

If you have excess funds to use in HCC's Bookstore, you will see a negative balance under "My Financial Activity" on myHCC.

To purchase materials, take a printout of your schedule and your HCC ID to the bookstore.

### Bookstore Returns

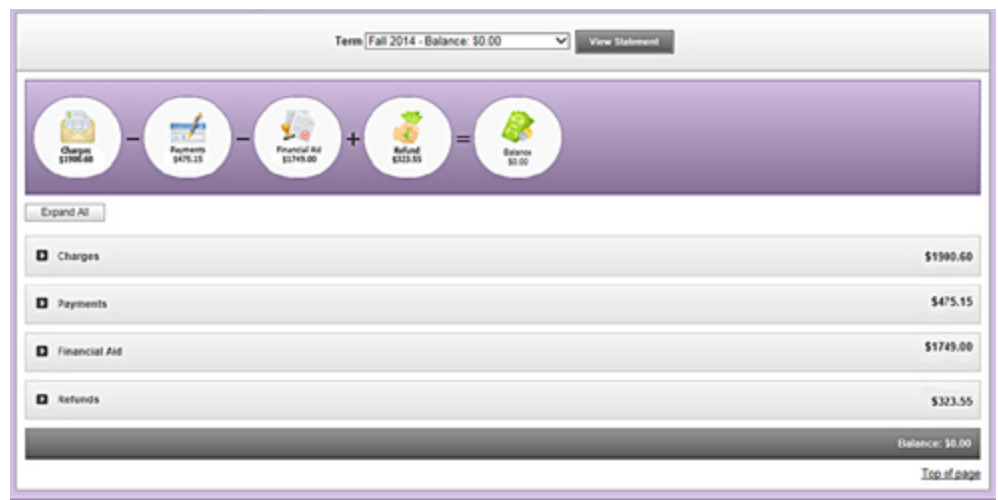
Students have one week from the start of classes to return bookstore purchases.

If a class is dropped, students have 30 days from the start of the class to return purchases, provided they can provide documentation of the drop.

### My Financial Activity on myHCC

My Financial Activity lets you see your adjusted financial aid awards. It allows you to see real-time charges, payments, the balance (amount owed), or excess funds available for use in HCC's Bookstore. Follow these steps to find My Financial Activity.

1. Log on to myHCC.
2. Look for the "Self Service" menu bar on the left-hand side of the screen.
3. Under "Financial," click My Financial Activity.
4. Choose the term from the drop-down menu.



Charges							\$1405.50	
Financial Aid							\$2149.00	
Award	Awarded	Term	Disbursed	Anticipated	Other Terms	Loan fee	Currently Ineligible	Comment
Federal Pell Grant	\$2865.00	Fall 2014		\$2149.00			\$716.00	Less than full time
<b>Total</b>			\$0.00	\$2149.00				
Balance							\$-743.50	

Full-time award

Actual award, adjusted for enrollment

A negative balance indicates excess funds which can be used for qualified purchases in HCC's bookstore.

**Example:** This student is enrolled in 9 credits, making her eligible for 3/4 of the full-time award. Her anticipated financial aid is \$2149—greater than her charges of \$1405.50.

Financial aid covers her current charges, with \$743.50 remaining. Excess funds can be used for qualified purchases in HCC's bookstore. New bookstore purchases will appear in real time under "Charges." A refund will be issued if funds remain after books are purchased.

\* The census date for the semester (Fall, Winter/Spring, or Summer) is the last date to add or drop a class for the regular semester and is the registration deadline for financial aid recipients. The census date for each term may be different than the census date for the regular semester. Both census dates can be found on HCC's website under "Registration Dates and Deadlines."