Howard University Federal Employee Student Relief Plan

Recognizing the financial hardship resulting from the 2025 federal government disruption, Howard University has established a temporary relief program to assist students directly affected, including furloughed and laid-off federal employees and their dependents. This plan allows qualifying students with a Fall 2025 past due balance to defer payment until Spring 2026 without penalty.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, students must meet all the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled for the Fall 2025 semester.
- Have a past due balance hold related to Fall 2025 charges only (balances from other terms are not eligible).
- Have a total Fall 2025 balance of $20,000 or less at the time of application.
- Be directly impacted by the 2025 federal furlough, either as:
    - A current federal employee, or
    - A dependent (as defined by FAFSA or IRS) of a federal employee.

Note: This plan applies only to Fall 2025 charges and is not retroactive for prior semesters.

Relief Details

- Deferred Payment Period: Students may defer payment on their outstanding Fall 2025 balance until March 2026**.**
- Registration Access: Approved students will have registration holds temporarily removed to allow Spring 2026 course registration**.**
- No Late Fees or Penalties: Approved students will not incur late fees or penalties for deferred payments during the relief period.
- Deferred amounts must be paid in full by March 31, 2026. Students with an outstanding balance after this date will not be eligible for Summer or Fall 2026 registration or graduation clearance**.**

Required Documentation (Proof of Impact)

Students must provide official proof of furlough impact. Acceptable documents include:

- An official notice or formal communication from a federal agency.
- A letter from a federal HR representative or supervisor confirming employment status

- Personal narratives or email statements will not be accepted. Only official federal notifications will be reviewed for eligibility.

Application Process

1. Access the Application Form: [Complete the Furloughed Federal Employees Relief Request Form] and upload required proofs of furlough impact with your form submission. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
2. Review and Verification: The Office of the Bursar will review all submissions and verify eligibility. Additional documentation may be requested if necessary.
3. Decision Notification: Students will be notified of approval or denial via email by November 12, 2025.
4. Account Adjustment – Approved students will have holds lifted and balances deferred per the relief guidelines.

Key Dates

Date	Milestone
October 25, 2025	Program announcement & FAQs published
October 27, 2025	Application portal opens
November 7, 2025	Application portal closes
November 12, 2025	Decision notifications sent
November 15–20, 2025	Approved payment plan adjustments processed
Spring 2026	Deferred installments reflected on student accounts

Additional Notes

- This is a temporary relief measure in direct response to the 2025 federal furlough.
- The plan applies only to Fall 2025 balances and is not retroactive to previous semesters.
- Balances exceeding $20,000 are not eligible for deferral consideration.
- Only official federal documentation will be accepted; narratives or informal correspondence will not qualify as proof.