

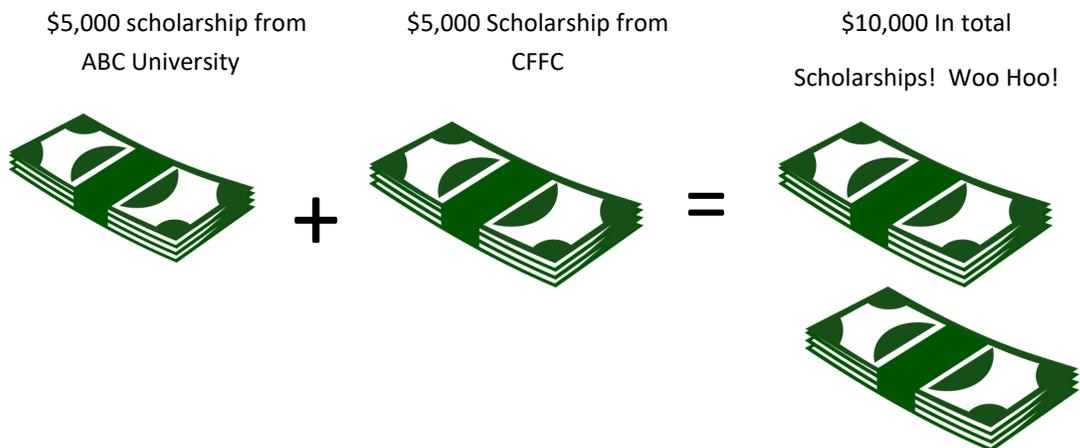
Scholarship Award Displacement

Scholarship award displacement is when a student's institutional scholarship (from a school) is reduced upon receipt of a private scholarship (like a CFFC scholarship). Every year, private scholarships account for \$16 billion in financial aid to benefit students pursuing higher education. At CFFC, we believe private scholarships should not impact institutional scholarships. As a private scholarship provider, we try to protect our scholarship students from award displacement by attaching a letter to the award check, specifically asking schools not to reduce their original financial aid award.

Something you can do is ask financial aid offices questions about their outside scholarship award policies. This will help you make the best decision about which school you choose to attend.

How Scholarship Award Displacement Works:

Jordan received a \$5000 Scholarship from ABC University and a \$5,000 scholarship from CFFC



Federal financial aid law requires you to report your private \$5,000 scholarship from CFFC to ABC University.



Hi ABC University! I'm happy to tell you I received a \$5,000 Scholarship from CFFC!

That's great, Jordan! Since you found a \$5,000 private scholarship, we will be withdrawing the \$5,000 scholarship from ABC University.



Because Jordan was awarded a private CFFC Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000,

ABC University is permitted to and MAY choose to take away part or all of her \$5,000 Scholarship.



\$5,000

scholarship from CFFC

\$5,000

in total scholarships



Now Jordan only has \$5,000 in Scholarships

Warning! The academic award letter from your school can change several times in an academic year.

What is the impact of Scholarship Displacement?

- It forces low-income students to replace their displaced institutional scholarships with loans.
- It punishes students who took the time and effort to find private scholarships.
- It creates a system where privately funded scholarships could provide more benefit to the university than the student, which is not the intent of private scholarships.

Have you experienced Scholarship Displacement? Share your story with us. Contact the CFFC office at 724-437-8600, or email Lee O'Neil: eooneil@cffayettepa.org