

Pell Grant

The Pell Grant program is the largest student grant program administered by the federal government. Eligibility is limited to 12-semesters / 18-quarters (i.e., 6-years) of full- time equivalent awards for students enrolled in their initial undergraduate degree program (including eligibility for students enrolled in a post-baccalaureate Teacher Credential program). Eligibility for Pell Grant is dictated by the federal government according to a formula derived by the US Department of Education and approved by Congress. Pell Grant maximum awards for full-time students may change from year to year depending on Congressional appropriations. Students may apply for Pell Grant by completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) each year.

Please be aware that full-time students may receive Pell for up to three quarters or two semesters per academic year. Students may qualify for an additional 50% Pell award (Year-round Pell) in summer even if they received 100% Pell award in fall and spring semesters. Students would need to be enrolled in **12 units** to receive the full 50% Pell award and in a minimum of **1 unit** to receive a partial award.

The Federal Pell Grant is awarded to students based upon their level of enrollment and Student Aid Index (SAI). The Federal Pell Grant is considered "portable," meaning that, for a given academic year, an eligible student would receive the same Pell Grant at any university.

Pell Grant Enrollment Intensity- Enrollment Intensity is the percentage of Pell you can receive based on your enrollment status for the semester. If a student enrolled for less than 12 units, the chart below indicates the percentage of Pell they can receive.

Units Enrolled	Enrollment Level (OLD)	Enrollment Intensity (NEW) - % of Pell
12 or more	Full Time	100%
11		92%
10	3/4 Time	83%
9		75%
8		67%
7	1/2 Time	58%
6		50%
5		42%
4		33%
3	Less Than 1/2 Time	25%
2		17%
1		8%