

## YEAR-ROUND PELL ELIGIBILITY



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### To be eligible for a summer Pell Grant, you must:

- 1) Have a completed FAFSA
- 2) Be Pell Grant eligible
- 3) Enroll in summer classes
- 4) Must be enrolled in at least 6 hours
- 5) Must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- 6) Must have lifetime Pell Grant eligibility remaining

### Important facts to note:

- 1.) Pell Grant alone is not enough to cover the full cost of attending classes in the summer.
- 2.) Many students use their full loan eligibility over the fall and spring semesters, leaving nothing available for summer. If possible, students should reserve some of their annual federal loan eligibility for the summer.
- 3.) Eligible students may receive up to three Pell awards in one academic year.
- 4.) The maximum timeframe that students may receive Federal Pell Grant is the equivalent of twelve full-time semesters. One full-time semester of Pell equals 50%.

### Check your Lifetime Eligibility

You can check for your remaining eligibility level online by logging on to NSLDS using your FSA ID. View your Lifetime Eligibility Units (LEU) on the Financial Aid Review page.

### Minimum Credits for Summer Pell Grant

- 1.) If you enrolled **full-time** (12+credits) and received the full-time Pell Grant amount for Fall and Spring, you must enroll at least half-time (6+ credits) in summer classes to receive summer Pell Grant.
- 2.) If you enrolled **part-time** for Fall or Spring, there is no minimum credit requirement to receive a summer Pell Grant (unless required by your EFC). You can use the remainder of your annual Pell Grant amount during the summer with no minimum credit requirement.

### Awards Begin in March

When summer registration at GSW begins, summer financial aid awarding will begin. Once you register for classes, you will be awarded Pell Grant funds for which you are eligible for summer. If you have remaining loan eligibility, fill out the [Summer Financial Aid Application](#) to have them processed. Keep watching your R.A.I.N. account for updates.

### Dropping, Withdrawing, or Failing Classes

It is possible that you could owe money back for all or part of your Federal Pell Grant if you do not complete classes that you registered for in the summer. The amount will be calculated based on the drop date, the number of credits and the last day that you attended classes.

### Pell Grant Amount Depends on Enrollment

Your summer Pell Grant amount will depend on the number of credits you are registered in, as well as your Pell Lifetime Eligibility Units (LEU). The Pell Grant amount will be adjusted just prior to the disbursement of aid based on your attendance and enrollment level. Levels are defined in the following manner:

- 12+ credits = 100% of the semester Pell Grant amount
- 9-11 credits = 75% of the semester Pell Grant amount
- 6-8 credits=50% of the semester Pell Grant amount

### Here is an example of how Year-Round Pell (YRP) works:

A student with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 is eligible for \$6095 in Pell Grant for the Year, or \$3048 for the fall semester and \$3047 for the spring semester. Under the YRP program, this student could receive an additional \$3047 for the summer semester if they enrolled full-time (12 credits). If the student enrolls half-time (six credits) summer semester, the student would receive a \$1523 Federal Pell Grant for summer, or one-half of a full award.

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