



Year-Round Pell Grant

The Department of Education has announced that students eligible for the Pell Grant may be able to receive a third disbursement of Pell Grant during the same academic year.

Students must be eligible for the Pell Grant as determined by the Department of Education and must be enrolled at least half-time for the summer semester. Half-time enrollment is 6 credit/billable hours. In the past, a full-time student could receive only two disbursements per academic year. Now students will be able to receive up to three Pell disbursements in one academic year.

Enrolling in summer classes may allow Pell Grant recipients to take advantage of this new regulation to earn their degree faster. However, students should keep in mind that the summer semester is shorter (5-10 weeks) versus fall and spring semesters (15 weeks). **Students should consult with their academic advisor to develop a manageable course load for the shorter summer semester.**

Q1: What is Year-Round Pell Grant?

A1: The US Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2017, allows a student to receive Federal Pell Grant funds for up to 150% of the student's full-time Pell Grant award for an academic year. For instance, if a student is eligible for \$6,098 (100%) for a full academic year as a full-time student (\$3,048 per full-time semester, fall and spring), he/she will be eligible for an additional full-time award of \$3,048 (50%) for the summer semester enrolled in 12 or more credits.

Q2: Will I be eligible for Year-Round Pell?

A2: To be eligible for the additional Pell Grant funds, the student must be otherwise eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the semester and must be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credit/billable hours).

Q3: When will I know if I am eligible for Year-Round Pell?

A3: CCBC will determine Year-Round Pell awards in early May. The available amount will be calculated based on each student's Pell Grant usage during the fall and spring semesters and remaining eligibility.

Q4: How much may I receive in Year-Round Pell?

A4: This depends on the amount of credits you are enrolled, your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Students who have an EFC greater than 4600 and enrolled in 6 credits will not be eligible for the Pell Grant. It is always best to check with the financial aid office, before you register for your summer classes.



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Please see scenarios below:

Student A has a zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 18-19 academic year. Student A was enrolled full-time for the fall and spring semesters and received full Pell disbursements. With the new implementation of YEAR-ROUND PELL, the student will now be eligible to receive a full-time disbursement in SUMMER if enrolled in twelve credit hours.

Scenario 1	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Enrollment	12 credit/billable hours Full-Time	12 credit/billable hours Full-time	12 credit/billable Full-time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$3048 (50%)	\$3048 (50%)	\$3048 (50%)

Student B has a zero EFC and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 18-19 academic year. Student B was enrolled full-time for the fall and spring semesters and received full Pell disbursements. With the new implementation of YEAR-ROUND PELL, the student will now be eligible to receive a half-time disbursement in SUMMER if enrolled in six credit hours.

Scenario 2	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Enrollment	12 credit/billable hours Full-Time	12 credit/billable hours Full-time	6 credit/billable hours Half-time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$3048 (50%)	\$3048 (50%)	\$1524 (25%)

Student C has a zero EFC and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 18-19 academic year. Student C was enrolled full-time for the fall and spring semesters but only enrolls for four credit hours during the summer semester. Student C is not enrolled at least half-time and therefore is not eligible for additional Pell Grant funds for SUMMER.

Scenario 3	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Enrollment	12 credit/billable Full-Time	12 credit/billable Full-time	1-5 credit hours Less Than Half-Time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$3048 (50%)	\$3048 (50%)	\$0