

Federal Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) - New!

A new law reduces the duration of Federal Pell Grant eligibility from 18 semesters (or its equivalent) to 12 semesters (or its equivalent). This applies to all Federal Pell Grant eligible students effective with the 2012-13 academic year.

The maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student can receive each year is equal to 100%. The 12-semester or six-year equivalent is 600%.

Does this change affect me?

This change affects all students regardless of when or where they received their first Federal Pell Grant.

How does this change affect me?

If you received 100% of your Federal Pell Grant award for **12 semesters**, you will not have any remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility beginning in fall 2012.

If you have received the Federal Pell Grant for **10 full-time semesters or its equivalent, but less than 12 full-time semesters** or its equivalent:

- You will not have a full year (100%) of Pell grant eligibility, but will likely receive a portion of your scheduled award.
- For **example**, if based on your EFC, your annual Pell award for full-time enrollment is \$4800 (100%)
 - If your current LEU is 523.867%, you have 76.133% LEU remaining (600% minus 523.867% = 76.133%)
 - Your remaining award is \$3654.384 ($\$4,800 \times 76.133\% = \3654.38)
 - If you attend full-time for fall and winter semesters, you will receive
 - \$2,400 in fall semester, and
 - \$1,254.38 in winter semester

If you have received the Federal Pell Grant for **less than 10 full-time semesters or its equivalent**:

- You will have full Pell Grant eligibility for the 2012-2013 academic year unless a late Pell award usage report is received.

The Federal Pell schedule of 100% includes the following breakdown for a semester:

- Full-time enrollment (12 or more credits per semester) = 50% Pell Grant
- Three-quarters time enrollment (9, 10 or 11 credits per semester) = 37.5% Pell Grant
- One-half - time enrollment (6, 7 or 8 credits per semester) = 25% Pell Grant

- Less than one-half time (5 or less credits per semester) = 12.5% Pell Grant

Can I appeal my Pell lifetime eligibility?

No, you may not. Federal Pell Grant limits are set by federal law. If you rely on Federal Pell Grant funding, stay in school and be conscious about the lifetime limits when changing majors and/or scheduling classes.

How do I determine my remaining eligibility?

Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) is tracked by the U.S. Department of Education and is based on full-time enrollment. If you received 100% of your award for 12 semesters, you will not have any remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility beginning in fall 2012.

In mid-April and continuing through July, the U.S. Department of Education will send an email message to all 2012-13 FAFSA applicants with an email address, who are nearing their Federal Pell Grant lifetime limit or who are no longer eligible for these funds.

For more information about calculating your remaining eligibility, visit the Federal Student Aid Pell Grant page. www.studentaid.gov

How can I see my Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) percentage?

Log on to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) website using your Federal Student Aid PIN to view your Pell LEU under "Grants." You will see your percentage used. www.nsls.ed.gov

Grants

Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used: 464.285%

Please click on number in first column to see details

	Award Year	Type Of Grant:	School	Disbursed Amount
1	2010 - 2011	FEDERAL PELL GRANT	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$1,800
2	2009 - 2010	FEDERAL PELL GRANT	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$4,126

What are my other options?

If you haven't done so already, follow these steps to finish your program:

- See your academic advisor and put a plan of work in place with courses scheduled up to graduation.
- Check, review and complete any outstanding financial aid requirements from BCC.
- Turn in any outstanding documents early in order to be considered for all available funding options left to you.