




Year-Round PELL Notice

In previous years, the Pell Grant Program allowed students to receive a maximum amount of Pell awards for the entire academic year (Fall and Spring semester) based on their level of eligibility. If a student was enrolled full-time for both the fall and spring semesters, there was no Pell eligibility remaining for a Summer semester award. However, if a student was less than full-time for one or both of the regular semesters, the student could receive any unused portion of the annual amount. This is called a *First Scheduled Award* (the former annual maximum eligibility for a Pell grant award). Recent regulatory changes in the Federal Pell Grant program now allow students to receive additional Pell awards beyond their *First Scheduled Award* eligibility. This change is known as **Year-Round Pell (YRP)**.

Year-Round Pell allows students to “accelerate” the completion of their program of study by allowing additional Pell awards for the Summer semester. If students are enrolled at least half-time during the Summer semester, the implementation of YRP allows for a Pell award above the *First Scheduled Award* amount up to 200% of the annual maximum eligibility for the Pell Grant. This is known as a ***Second Scheduled Award***.

Effective Summer semester 2011, students receiving additional Pell Grant awards for Summer 2011 are required to be enrolled at least half-time and must meet “progression” by having at least one credit hour of Summer 2011 enrollment count toward the next academic year. This means that a student must have a total of 25 or more credit hours. This total includes hours earned Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 plus any courses registered for in Summer 2011. (Example: 12 semester hours earned in Fall 2010 + 9 semester hours earned in Spring 2011 + 6 registered in Summer 2011 = 27 semester hours for the 2010-2011 academic year. Hours for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 must be earned; failures, withdrawals, unsatisfactory grades and incompletes will not count towards earned hours)

Please be aware that even these Federal Regulations are under review by Congress and further changes may occur based on decisions made within the next few months. The information presented is based on regulations currently in effect. Students should be prepared for future changes in the awarding of Federal Pell Grants. It is recommended that all students check their email, the ASU Financial Aid Office website, and/or Facebook, Augusta State University FAO, for updates.

 Refer to your ASU Email for further information regarding new Pell changes.

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