

# A Guide to Recent Pell Grant Changes

An award year always begins on July 1 of one year and ends on June 30 of the next year.

Lane operates on a quarter calendar. Our standard award year is fall, winter and spring terms.

Because the first day of summer term begins prior to July 1, it is considered a crossover term. If you attend summer term, be certain to read the *Summer Term Students* section below.

## Year-Round Pell, Summer Crossover and Duration of Eligibility

Recent changes in federal regulations now make Pell Grants available year-round for students who qualify. These changes were implemented by the Department of Education to accelerate student progress toward degree completion. Previously, students who attended full time summer, fall and winter terms had no Pell Grant eligibility remaining for spring. With year-round Pell, students may now receive additional Pell Grant funding for spring term as long as they continue to meet the regular eligibility requirements and enroll at least half-time (6 credit hours). Receiving the additional Pell Grant does not reduce the amount students can receive for the next academic year.

The purpose of this new regulation is to allow students to continue their education without interruption in order to finish their studies at an accelerated pace. Students should only take courses necessary to graduate.



## Summer Term Students

At Lane, summer term spans two different award years, also known as a crossover term. If you enroll summer term, you should complete a FAFSA for both award years (i.e., 2009-2010 and 2010-2011). If you qualify for a Pell Grant under one or both of the FAFSA applications, we will pay your summer term Pell Grant from the FAFSA which provides you with the greater dollar amount. To be considered for this crossover opportunity, you must complete your 2009-2010 FAFSA before June 30, 2010.

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## Year-Round Pell Grant

With a year-round Pell Grant, you may receive a Pell Grant for more than three full time terms.

Three full time terms of a Pell Grant is referred to as 100% of a scheduled Pell Grant award. 100% is the maximum amount of Pell Grant you can receive for a standard award year (3 terms). However, new provisions allow you to receive more than 100% of a scheduled award if you meet certain criteria.

To qualify for a year-round Pell Grant, you must:

- Be enrolled in a two year program;
- Enroll in at least 6 credits in the term you will receive a Pell Grant beyond the first 100% scheduled award ; and
- Meet first year progression requirements:
  - Assuming your summer 2010 Pell Grant is funded using your 2010-2011 FAFSA information, you must have completed 36 credits during the summer, fall and winter terms **OR** register for the appropriate number of credits during the spring that will equal more than 36 credits when combined with your summer, fall and winter completed credits.

## Maximum Duration of Pell Eligibility

If you received your first Pell Grant on or after July 1, 2008, you are limited to receiving 9 Scheduled Awards during your lifetime (900%). This is 27 quarters of full time enrollment (or its equivalent if you enroll less than full time). You can track your remaining Pell Grant eligibility on NSLDS ([www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov)). If you received your first Pell Grant before July 1, 2008, this limit does not apply. In addition, once you earn a Bachelor's degree, you no longer qualify for a Pell Grant regardless of the date you first received a Pell Grant.

## Examples of Progression Requirements

The following will help you understand the progression and enrollment criteria to qualify for a year-round Pell Grant. These examples assume your summer 2010 Pell Grant is paid using your 2010-2011 FAFSA information and you have a **0 EFC**.

### Example 1: Student is enrolled at least half-time for spring and meets progression

	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
<b>Enrollment</b>	12 credits	12 credits	12 credits	12 credits
<b>Completes</b>	8 credits	9 credits	9 credits	Progression: <b>8+9+9+12 = 38</b>
<b>Pell Grant Award</b>	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)
<b>This student meets the progression requirement and is enrolled at least half-time during spring, he/she is <u>eligible</u> for the additional Pell Grant beyond 100%</b>				

### Example 2: Student is enrolled at least half-time for spring, but does not meet progression

	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
<b>Enrollment</b>	12 credits	12 credits	12 credits	12 credits
<b>Completes</b>	0 credits	11 credits	12 credits	Progression: <b>0+11+12+12 = 35</b>
<b>Pell Grant Award</b>	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$0
<b>This student did not meet the progression requirement (completed + enrolled credits totaling more than 36) during spring, he/she is <u>not eligible</u> for the additional Pell Grant beyond 100%</b>				

### Example 3: Student is not enrolled at least half-time for spring, but meets progression

	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
<b>Enrollment</b>	12 credits	12 credits	12 credits	3 credits
<b>Completes</b>	12 credits	12 credits	12 credits	Progression: <b>12+12+12+3 = 39</b>
<b>Pell Grant Award</b>	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$1850 (33.3%)	\$0
<b>This student is not enrolled at least half-time during spring, he/she is <u>not eligible</u> for the additional Pell Grant beyond the 100%</b>				