

PELL GRANT AWARD INFORMATION SHEET

Tell Me About My Pell Grant Award

- Complete the appropriate Free Application for Federal Student Aid each academic year. The FAFSA can be completed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Your Pell Grant Award has been calculated by the United States Department of Education after consideration of the income and number of family members you submitted on your FAFSA.
- Your Pell award is for the 2013-2014 academic year and is based on your registration as a full-time student (12 hours or more). **If you register for less than 12 hours, your Pell award will be adjusted.**
- Your yearly award is divided in half: **Half** of your award for Fall 2013 and **Half** for Spring 2014.
- New Students will have a total of **18 full time semesters** of Pell.

Awards Based on Enrollment Status

1-5 semester credit hours = <1/2 time

6-8 semester credit hours = 1/2 time

9-11 semester credit hours = 3/4 time

12 + semester credit hours = full time

For example: Your award for the 2013-2014 academic year is \$4,000. If you register for 12 hours or more, you will have \$2,000 for the Fall 2011 semester and \$2,000 for the Spring 2012 semester. If you register for **nine (9)** hours, you will have \$1,500 for Fall 2011 and \$1,500 for Spring 2012.

State Aid Deadline

Students are encouraged to complete their FAFSA application early. FAFSA applications can be completed each year after January 1st. If you are a resident of North Carolina, you may be eligible for state aid if your FAFSA application was received by March 15 of each year. Funds are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Federal Student Loans

Coastal Carolina Community College does not participate in the Federal Loan Programs.

What Expenses Will My Pell Award Cover?

- You may use your Pell award to pay for your tuition, student fee, books and supplies.
- If your Pell award is not sufficient to cover these costs, you will be responsible for paying the balance.

How Do I Use My Pell Award?

- Whenever you register, you will be provided with a computer-generated printout of your registration. The assistant at the printer (or an academic counselor) will give you your registration printout and will ask how you intend to pay for your tuition and student fee. If your response is “with Pell”:
 1. You will be directed to take your printout to the Financial Aid Office.
 2. Your Pell eligibility will be checked in our Financial Aid database.
- We will keep the **top white** copy and give you back the yellow and bottom pink copies. Your student account will be charged for your tuition and fees based on the amount shown on your registration form.
 - The **yellow** copy is used to verify your attendance in class.
 - The bottom **pink** copy is your file copy.
- In addition, we will give you the **Information for Pell Students Handout**.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GET THIS HANDOUT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PELL INFORMATION HANDOUT MAY DELAY RECEIPT OF YOUR COST OF LIVING CHECK.

What Does The Information For Pell Students Handout Tell Me?

This handout contains important dates, deadlines and instructions you must follow each semester:

- The dates you may charge your books and supplies in our College Store.
- The date you can expect your Cost of Living Check to be mailed.
- Directions for applying for the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program.
- How to verify your attendance:
 1. For traditional classes:

Have your instructors write their initials beside the course number on the **yellow** copy of your registration printout. Once you have all instructors’ initials, bring the **yellow** copy to the Admissions Office Receptionist, turn it in, and sign the logbook.
 2. For online classes:

Follow the instructions on the **back of the handout** and attach the online printout(s) to the **yellow** copy of your registration printout. Bring the **yellow** copy, with online printout(s), to the Admissions Office Receptionist, turn it in, and sign the logbook. (If you are out of town and need to mail your online printout(s) and **yellow** copy, they must be received by the deadline date to receive your Cost of Living Check on the date in the Handout.)

If you are unable to bring your online class printout(s) to the Admissions Receptionist, please mail them to: Financial Aid, Coastal Carolina Community College, 444 Western Boulevard, Jacksonville, NC 28546

What is My Cost of Living Check?

- Each semester, after we subtract your tuition, student fee, books and supplies from your semester award, any remaining balance is provided to you and is called your Cost of Living check.
- The Cost of Living Check will be mailed to you as soon after the start of the term as possible.
- The dates will be published and provided to you in the “Information for Pell Students” handout (see previous paragraph).
- Your Cost of Living Check will not be released until all "verification of attendance" steps are completed.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE ADMISSIONS
OFFICE HAS A CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS.**

Can I Lose My Pell Award? – Yes. If you fail to make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), as published in the College Catalog, you will lose your eligibility to receive the Pell award.

What is Satisfactory Academic Progress?

- Federal regulations require that all Pell recipients maintain SAP to receive financial aid. The schools SAP policy includes (1) a qualitative measure (the use of a cumulative grade point average) and (2) a quantitative measure (the maximum time frame for completion). At the end of each semester, your cumulative grade point average is computed. Your *2011-2012 College Catalog* provides a chart that is used to determine your SAP. **Your Pell will be terminated if you are making unsatisfactory academic progress for two consecutive semesters**
- **If you violate the 67% or the 150% rules, you will lose your Pell:**
 - The 67% rule means that you must successfully complete 67% of all hours attempted each semester.
 - If you fall below the 67% completion rate, you will be placed on curriculum completion probation and will be notified by the Financial Aid Office. You will have a probationary period of enrollment (normally the next semester the student is enrolled) to achieve a 67% completion rate for the probationary semester.
 - If the 67% completion rate is not achieved by the end of the probationary period, you will not be eligible for financial aid and will be notified by the Financial Aid Office. A formula is used to determine a 67% violation (total hours attempted multiplied by .67).

For example: If you attempted 12 hours and multiplied by .67, you must successfully complete 8 hours.

- The 150% rule means you must complete your curriculum within 150% of the curriculum length. For example: The AAS-Business Administration (BA) curriculum requires 70 hours to graduate. You may take up to 105 hours (150% of 70) to complete the curriculum. All hours attempted at CCCC, regardless of when they were attempted, are counted toward this maximum time frame for curriculum completion.

- If you violate the 67% or the 150% rule, you will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Office that will explain the violation and indicate if you can/cannot appeal the violation.
- You must maintain a GPA consistent with the chart published in the college catalog.

Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility.

- You will regain eligibility for financial aid the semester following the semester in which the SAP or satisfactory curriculum completion is met.

Reinstatement does not waive the payment of any money you may owe Coastal Carolina Community College or the United States Department of Education.

Will a Grade of “D” or “F” Impact My Pell?

- A grade of D or better is considered successful completion; therefore, your Pell award will not pay to re-take those courses.
- A grade of F in any course is not a successful completion and your Pell award may be used, **only once**, to re-take that course. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) must be maintained.

Will I Have to Pay Back My Pell Award?

- If you withdrew from **all** of your courses or your instructors drop you from **all** of your courses on or before the 60% point of the term, **you may be responsible for repaying a prorated portion of your Pell award.** If this happens, there is no appeal process for the prorated portion; however, there is an appeal process for a grade of W that can be appealed due to medical, family, or extenuating circumstances. Approval of an appeal does not waive the payment of any money that you may owe Coastal Carolina Community College or the United States Department of Education.

What Can Cause My Semester Pell To Be Adjusted?

- Your Pell award may be adjusted if you:
 - ▶ Fail to register for 12 hours or more
 - ▶ Withdraw from a course or are dropped by your instructor
 - ▶ Register for courses not in your curriculum (except required remedial courses)
 - ▶ Register for a course(s) in the second accelerated term
 - ▶ Register for a course to audit course or credit by examination course
 - ▶ Register for a course previously completed successfully
 - ▶ Exceed 30 hours of remedial courses
 - ▶ Are in a one-year certification or diploma curriculum that requires a clock hour conversion
 - ▶ Are reported as a “never attend” by your instructor

What is the Clock Hour Conversion Rule?

This federal rule affects the following one-year degree and certificate curriculums by converting semester hours to clock hours. This conversion may **lower** your Pell award. If you are currently accepted or plan to apply for one of the following curriculums, the Financial Aid Office can provide you with a Clock Hour Conversion Chart.

- Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology (D35100)
- Architectural Technology (D40100)

- Auto Body Repair (D60100)
- Automotive Systems Technology (D60160)
- Basic Law Enforcement Training (C55120)
- Cosmetology (D55140)
- Cosmetology Instructor (C55160)
- Dental Assisting (D45240)
- Early Childhood Education (D55220)
- Electrical/Electronics Technology (D35220)
- Electronic Engineering Technology (D40200)
- Fire Protection Technology (D55240)
- Heavy Equipment and Transport Technology (D60240)
- Practical Nursing (D45660)
- Surgical Technology (D45740)
- Welding Technology (D50420) and Certified Welder Certificate (C50420-C)

Is My Curriculum Important?

- Yes! You must be in a Pell Grant eligible curriculum. You must register for courses in your curriculum, except for required remedial courses. You can use your Pell award for up to 30 hours of remedial courses.

Does CCCC Offer Any Curriculums That Are Not Pell Eligible?

The following curriculums are **not** Pell eligible:

- Architectural Drafting and Design I (C40100) and Architectural Drafting and Design II (C40100A)
- Auto Body Repair (C60100)
- Automotive Systems Technology (C60160), and Automotive Systems Technology: Power Train (C60160P), and Automotive Systems Technology: Engine Performance (C60160E), and Automotive Systems Technology: Under Car (C60160U)
- Basic Electrical Technology (C35220), and Intermediate Electrical Technology (C35220A), and Advanced Electrical Technology (C35220B)
- Basic Electronics (C40200), and Advanced Applications (C40200A), and Computer Technology (C40200C)
- Basic Refrigeration (C35100B), and Heating and Cooling Systems (C35100C), and HVACR Design and Installation (C35100D)
- Bookkeeper (C25100A), and Business Administration (C25120), Income Tax Preparer (C25100B), Payroll Clerk (C25100C), and Personnel (C25120P), and Retailing (C25120R)
- CISCO (C25270)
- Combination Welder (C50420-B) and Structural Welding (C50420-A)

- General Level (C55240), and
Fire Investigator (C55240A), and
Incident Command Level (C55240B), and
General Level 2 (C55240C)
- Heavy Equipment and Transport Technology (C60240), and
Medium/Heavy Duty Power Train (C60240A), and
Medium/Heavy Duty Drive Train (C60240B)
- Lateral Entry (C55430)
- Manicuring/Nail Technology (C55400)
- Nursing Assistant (C45480)

You must speak with an Academic Counselor to change your curriculum to a Pell Grant eligible curriculum.

What Are The Most Common Problems We See In The Financial Aid Office?

- The most common problem is students not following directions. Federal regulations require us to have deadlines. For the system to work properly, every Pell student must comply with the timelines.
- The second most common problem is registering for courses not in your curriculum. Here are two examples:
 - ▣ Our Associate in Arts curriculum has 13-16 elective credit hours. The student has successfully completed 16 elective credit hours and registers for 3 credit hours that are electives. Pell will not cover 3 credit hours because the student has exceeded the total required elective credit hours.
 - ▣ The student is in our Diploma, Early Childhood Associate curriculum and registered for EDU 119, EDU 144, EDU 153 and SOC 210. Pell will not cover SOC 210 because the course is not in the Diploma, Early Childhood Associate curriculum.

OTHER FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

\$500

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

The **FAFSA** application is used to disburse the SEOG Grant. To be eligible, students must have a "0" EFC on their SAR, the report which results from submission of the **FAFSA**.

STATE AID PROGRAMS

In addition to the Federal assistance available, the State of North Carolina has provided funds for community college students. Students who submit a **FAFSA** may be eligible for these scholarships/grants based on their "need" as represented on their SAR/EFC. Students can be full or part-time students but **must be North Carolina residents**. Priority goes to students that meet the State Aid deadline. The deadline is **March 15th** for North Carolina.

The College Foundation of North Carolina, www.cfnc.org has a comprehensive listing of scholarships & grants available to North Carolina residents. They have created excellent tools for college planning. The Scholarship Wizard will help you find a scholarship, both need-based and merit-based, to assist you with college costs.

\$30 - \$550 per semester

The North Carolina Community College Grant (NCCCG)

This Grant is administered by CFNC using **FAFSA** applications received by the State deadline of March 15th. If there is enough money, students who submit their **FAFSA** later in the year may receive funds. To be eligible, students must be enrolled at least six credit hours per semester.

\$50 - \$1,700 per semester

NC Education Lottery Scholarship (ELS)

This Scholarship is administered by CFNC using **FAFSA** applications. To be eligible, the SAR EFC must be less than 5,000, meet all Pell Grant eligibility rules (except EFC), student is enrolled for at least six credit hours per semester, and meets the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements of the Institution.

\$350 per semester

The Student Incentive Grant Program (NCSIG)

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