

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 you?

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

How does this change affect you?

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.

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 2012-13 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.

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.

For more information, please visit the Pell Grant page on [Studentaid.gov](#).