GENERAL NOTIFICATION TO ALL STUDENTS

Federal Pell Grant Duration of Eligibility

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-74) made significant changes to federal student financial assistance programs. Federal regulations limit students to a lifetime maximum Pell Grant of 12 semesters /six years or full time equivalent (600%). Once you reach the 600% Pell LEU, you will be ineligible to receive Pell Grant. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student can receive each year equals 100% then each student has 600% Pell eligibility available. **Student eligibility will include all years of the student’s receipt of Federal Pell Grant funding at all educational institutions.**

The Department of Education notifies students about the percentage of Federal Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU).

1. If your LEU is greater than 500 percent but less than 600%, this means that the amount of your 2014-2015 Pell Grant awards will be less than the amount you would have been eligible to receive if the law had not changed. Note that you still may be eligible for other federal, state, and school financial aid.

2. If your LEU is greater than or equal to 600 percent, this means that you are no longer eligible to receive Pell Grant funding. Note that you still may be eligible for other federal, state, and school financial aid.

3. If your LEU is less than or equal to 500 percent, this means you need to be aware of the approaching Pell limit. For information on how the Department of Education calculates the “equivalent of six years”, please go to: [www.studentaid.ed.gov/pell-limit](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/pell-limit).