



Financial Aid Office

Federal Pell Grant Program Information

- The Federal Pell Grant is the largest Federal Student Aid grant program. For the 2013-2014 school year Pell Grant yearly awards range from \$582 to \$5,645, based on your hours enrolled and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculated from data you reported on your FAFSA.
- The hours enrolled per semester determines the amount of your Pell Grant. Students may be enrolled full-time, 12 hours; three-quarter time, 9 to 11 hours; half-time, 6-8 hours; and in some instances less than half-time, 1 to 5 hours.
- The initial Pell Grant award offer is calculated by the number of your enrolled credit hours. If you are not enrolled when your FAFSA is received by OCCC, the award offer will be based on full-time enrollment status. The final award for each semester and the amount of Pell Grant applied to your charges will be based on your actual enrolled credit hours at the close of the semester add/drop period.
- If your FAFSA is processed after the semester is in progress, your Pell Grant award will be based on the credit hours you are enrolled in at that point in the semester.
- Financial Aid will not pay for courses added after the date your enrollment status is calculated.
- If you are eligible for a Pell Grant or other student aid, your award notification will be sent to your student email through the OCCC Mine-Online system.
- Pell Grant awards are paid once per semester. For disbursement dates visit: <http://www.occc.edu/bursar/schedule.html> .
- Withdrawing from courses after you have received your Pell Grant may cause you to be over-awarded and you may have to repay a portion of your Pell Grant. Contact the Financial Aid Office to determine the best plan for you.
- Students who are not enrolled full-time in the fall and spring semesters may have unused Pell Grant funds available for the following summer semester.
- You must be an OCCC degree seeking student to be eligible to receive a Pell Grant at OCCC.
- Pell Grants will not pay for coursework that is not part of your degree program.
- Students must be actively participating in their courses to be eligible for a Pell Grant.
- Students must maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress to continue their eligibility.
- To apply for Federal Student Aid, including the Pell Grant, other federal grants, Federal Work-Study and Federal Student Loans you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually at <http://www.fafsa.gov> .
- It is very important that you report accurate information on the FAFSA to avoid delays in processing your request for financial aid to attend the college, university, or career school of your choice.
- The Financial Aid Office from each school listed on the FAFSA will receive an electronic version of the Student Aid Report and will utilize the results of your FAFSA analysis to determine your eligibility for Federal Student Aid.
- If your FAFSA is selected for *Verification*, you will be required to submit documentation to the Financial Aid Office to confirm the information you reported on the FAFSA.
- Pell grants are now limited to 12 full-time equivalent semesters. Students may review their Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) percentage at: www.nsls.ed.gov .