

Summer 2019 Pell Grant Important Information

The U.S. Education Department has recently implemented Year-Round Pell Grants, allowing students to receive up to 150% of a regular grant award over the course of the academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer) so that they can continue taking classes in the Summer and finish their degrees faster than they would otherwise.

What does this mean for you?

Previously, eligible students only received Pell Grant for the Summer semester if they had not exhausted their full-time Pell Grant award during the previous Fall and Spring semesters (enrolled in 12+ units each term). With the implementation of Year-Round Pell, students who attend full-time for Fall and Spring semesters may still be eligible to receive a Pell Grant award in the Summer as long as they meet all requirements. If you have received 100% of your 2018/2019 Pell award during the Fall and Spring term, you **MUST** be enrolled in at least 6 units to be eligible for the additional year-round award.

To be considered for a Summer 2019 Pell Grant Award at CR:

1. You are encouraged to complete your 2018/2019 CR financial aid file prior to the start of the Summer term, June 3, 2019 (**processed FAFSA and all required documents submitted**). Students who have not met this deadline are encouraged to turn in all required documents prior to the end of the Summer session to ensure adequate time for processing.
2. If your financial aid is suspended based on your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status and you have extenuating circumstances, the SAP appeal deadline for Summer is July 19, 2019.
3. Classes taken outside CR will not be counted towards your total enrollment for the Summer 2019 semester.
4. Any Pell Grant disbursed will be included in your Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU). The limit for Pell is 600%.
5. Summer Pell Grant can not be awarded for waitlisted classes. You must be officially enrolled in the class by the Enrollment Status Dates shown on the disbursement schedule to have those units count towards your enrollment level. Remember you should only be enrolling in classes that are required for your academic program.
6. Summer Pell Grants are calculated similar to Fall and Spring, with maximum eligibility at full time (enrolled in 12+ units). Award amounts will be reduced if you are enrolled in less units, and can vary based on your EFC. Some students must be enrolled in 12+ units to qualify for Pell and others are able to receive Pell at less than 6 units.
7. Disbursement amounts are determined based on the units you are active in at or just after the disbursement date. You will not receive a Pell disbursement for classes that you are enrolled in that start more than 7 days after the disbursement date. ***This means that you may not receive a disbursement until all of your classes have started.***
8. If you withdraw from or do not complete some or all of your Summer classes, you may have to repay funds received based on the date you dropped or withdrew from classes. You will be notified by mail if you are required to repay funds.
9. Summer classes count towards Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). If you are on warning status and you do not meet the minimum standards for Summer, or you reach the unit limit after Summer, your aid will be suspended and you will not be eligible for financial aid for the Fall term. There is very little time between Summer term grade processes and the beginning of the Fall term, so you may not be notified prior to the start of the Fall term.

If you were awarded a California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver) for the 2018/2019 year, it is still applicable for Summer.