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Year-Round Pell Grant

The Department of Education has announced that students eligible for the Pell Grant may be able to receive a third disbursement of Pell Grant during the same academic year. York County Community College will implement "Year Round Pell Grant" beginning in the summer of 2018.

While full details are not yet available, the general rules are that students must be eligible for Pell Grant as determined by the Department of Education and must be enrolled at least half-time for the summer semester. Half-time enrollment is six – eight credit hours.

The maximum timeframe that eligible students may receive the Pell Grant is the equivalent of twelve full-time semesters. In the past, a full-time student could receive only two disbursements per academic year. Now students will be able to receive up to three Pell disbursements in one academic year.

With careful planning, Pell Grant recipients may take advantage of this new regulation to earn their degree faster. However, students should keep in mind that most summer are shorter (7 weeks) verses most fall and spring semesters (15 weeks). Students should consult with their academic advisor to develop a manageable course load for the shorter summer semester. Just because students may be eligible for full-time Pell Grant funds DOES NOT MEAN students are required to carry a full-time load.

Q1: What is Year-Round Pell Grant?

A1: The US Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2017, allows a student to receive Federal Pell Grant funds for up to 150% of the student's full-time Pell Grant award for an academic year. For instance, if a student is eligible for \$5920 (100%) for a full academic year as a full-time student (\$2960 per full-time semester, fall and spring), he/she will be eligible for an additional full-time award of \$2960 (50%) for the summer semester. This provision is effective beginning with the 2017-2018 award year-Summer 2018 semester.

Q2: Will I be eligible for Year-Round Pell?

A2: To be eligible for the additional Pell Grant funds, the student must be otherwise eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the semester and must be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credit hours).

Q3: When will I know if I am eligible for Year-Round Pell?

A3: York County Community College will determine Year-Round Pell awards in early April 2018. The available amount will be calculated based on each student's Pell Grant usage during the fall and spring semesters and remaining eligibility.

Q4: How much may I receive in Year-Round Pell?

Student A. Example has a zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 17-18 academic year. Student A was enrolled full-time for the fall and spring semesters and received full Pell disbursements. With the new implementation of YEAR ROUND PELL, the student will now be eligible to receive a full-time disbursement in SUMMER if enrolled in twelve credit hours.

Scenario 1	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Enrollment	12 credit hours Full-Time	12 credit hours Full-time	12 credit hours Full-time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$2960 (50%)	\$2960 (50%)	\$2960 (50%)

Student B. Example has a zero EFC and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 17-18 academic year. Student B was enrolled full-time for the fall and spring semesters and received full Pell disbursements. With the new implementation of YEAR ROUND PELL, the student will now be eligible to receive a half-time disbursement in SUMMER if enrolled in six credit hours.

Scenario 2	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Enrollment	12 credit hours Full-Time	12 credit hours Full-time	6 credit hours Half-time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$2960 (50%)	\$2960 (50%)	\$1480 (25%)

Student C. Example has a zero EFC and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 17-18 academic year. Student C was enrolled full-time for the fall semester and received a full disbursement and was enrolled three-quarter time for the spring semester and received a three-quarter time disbursement. With the new implementation of YEAR ROUND PELL, the student will now be eligible to receive a full disbursement in SUMMER if enrolled in twelve credit hours.

Scenario 3	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Enrollment	12 credit hours Full-Time	9 credit hours Three Quarter-time	12 credit hours Full-time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$2960 (50%)	\$2220 (37%)	\$2960 (50%)

Student D Example has a zero EFC and is eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant for the 17-18 academic year. Student D was enrolled full-time for the fall and spring semesters but only enrolls for four credit hours during the summer semester. Student D is not enrolled at least half-time and therefore is not eligible for additional Pell Grant funds for SUMMER.

Scenario 4	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Enrollment	12 credit hours Full-Time	12 credit hours Full-time	4 credit hours Less Than Half-Time
EFC	0	0	0
Pell Awarded	\$2960 (50%)	\$2960 (50%)	\$0

