

Year Round Pell Grant

Eligible students may receive up to 150 percent of their scheduled annual Federal Pell Grant award in a single award year per the US Department of Education Appropriation Act of 2017. A student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during the semester when the additional Pell Grant funds (any amount above 100 percent of their scheduled award amount) are disbursed.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file for the current award year. At Ivy Tech, summer is always the last semester of the award year. For summer 2020, the student will need a 2019-20 FAFSA on file.
- Student must be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credit hours) during the semester for which the student receives the additional Pell Grant funds in excess of 100 percent.
- Student must have an eligible Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status.
- All financial aid requirements must be completed including Verification if selected.
- Student must have remaining Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU).
- Student must be otherwise eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the semester.

Q1. Is Year Round Pell different from “summer Pell”?

A1. Year Round Pell allows students to receive up to 150 percent of his/her scheduled annual Pell Grant award over the course of a single award year so that they can continue taking classes in the summer. Often the term “summer Pell” is used interchangeably with Year-Round Pell. However, students can receive Pell Grant funds in the summer at less than 6 hours if they have remaining funds from the scheduled annual Pell Grant award.

Q2. Is Year Round Pell new?

A2. Not really. The Department of Education has allow this practice in the past, but the initiative was halted after just a couple of years. This version of Year Round Pell is slightly different.

Q3. If a student wants to receive Pell for the upcoming 2020 summer semester, do they have to file a FASFA with the College? And if so, for which year?

A3. In order to receive a Federal Pell Grant at Ivy Tech during the summer 2020 semester, a student must file a 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) including the Ivy Tech school code (009917). Students must also complete all financial aid requirements including Verification if selected and be otherwise eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. If the student was enrolled full time during the preceding fall and spring semesters, they will need to be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during the summer term in order to qualify for the additional Pell Grant funds.

Q4. Does the student have to be in an eligible Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status in order to receive Year Round Pell?

A4. Yes. In addition to maintaining an eligible SAP status (good standing, alert, warning, or approved appeal), the student must have remaining Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (Pell LEU) and meet all other standard eligibility requirements.

Q5. Can student receive additional Pell Grant funds only in summer semester?

A5. No. A student may become eligible for additional Pell Grant funds in the spring semester if the student has exhausted 100 percent of the annual scheduled Pell Grant award at another institution that considers summer the start of their award year. The student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during the term in which they will receive the additional Pell Grant funds.

Q6. Can a student still receive Pell Grant funds if they are enrolled in less than 6 credit hours in the summer?

A6. Yes. Eligible Pell recipients have an annual scheduled Pell Grant award. If the student has not used 100 percent of that annual scheduled Pell Grant award in prior semesters, the remaining portion based on EFC and enrollment (even at less than 6 credit hours) is available to them in summer. In order to receive Pell Grant funds in excess of 100 percent of the student's annual scheduled Pell Grant award, the student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

Q7. Does the student have to grant approval or "opt-in" in order to allow Ivy Tech to award the student with Year Round Pell?

A7. No. Students are not required to opt-into Year Round Pell. All eligible students will be either automatically awarded with the appropriate Pell award (including additional Pell amounts) or manually awarded by financial aid staff.

There is a "lifetime limit" on how much Pell Grant funding a student can receive. Students have the option to decline current Pell Grant funds if they believe it is in their best interest to preserve eligibility for future enrollment periods. This is a very rare occurrence at Ivy Tech and there is no guarantee of future eligibility. The financial aid office can assist students with documenting that decision and making any necessary award adjustments.

Q8. Does Year Round Pell increase the total amount of Pell a student can receive over their lifetime?

A8. No. The Pell lifetime limit by federal law is the equivalent of six years of full time Pell Grant funding. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding you can receive each year is equal to 100 percent, the six-year equivalent is **600 percent**. This will not change with the implementation of Year Round Pell. All Pell Grant funds received, including additional funds beyond the initial annual scheduled Pell Grant award, must be counted towards the student's overall lifetime eligibility limit.

EXAMPLE:

Student uses 225 percent of the LEU over the course of two award years.

Year One: 125 percent used			Lifetime Limit Used (LEU)
Fall: full time 50 percent of annual scheduled award	Spring: full time 50 percent of annual scheduled award	Summer: half time 25 percent of annual scheduled award	Max 600 percent minus 125 percent used in Year One. LEU remaining equals 475 percent.
Year Two: 100 percent used			Lifetime Limit Used (LEU)
Fall: half time 25 percent of annual scheduled award	Spring: half time 25 percent of annual scheduled award	Summer: full time 50 percent of annual scheduled award	Remaining 475 percent minus 100 percent used in Year Two. LEU remaining equals 375 percent.

Q9. What is the maximum amount of Pell Grant funds a student can receive in the award year if receiving Year Round Pell?

A9. The annual Pell Grant award is determined using the student's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and enrollment in each semester. The maximum Pell award is \$6195 for 2019-20. Year Round Pell would allow for a maximum Pell Grant award up to \$9292 if the student has a 0 EFC and is full time in 3 semesters within a single award year.

Q10. Can Guest students that have attended full time at another institution in fall and spring receive Pell with us in the summer?

A10. Standard eligible rules for Pell remain the same and require a student to be degree seeking with our institution. Guest students are not degree seeking at our institution and would not be eligible.

Q11. Can Transfer students that have attended full time at another institution in fall and spring receive Pell with us in the summer?

A11. A Transfer student enrolling with us as a degree seeking student may be eligible for Pell funds provided they meet all other eligibility requirements and enroll at least half time (6 or more credit hours) in the summer semester.

Q12. How will I know that a Transfer student has used a portion of the annual scheduled Pell Grant award at another institution?

A12. This information is delivered on the FAFSA data received from the Department of Education. In cases where this data is outdated (student filed a FAFSA with us early in the award year but attended another institution or did not attend anywhere), Ivy Tech requests refreshed information for students once enrolled with us if they were not enrolled with us in the previous semester.

Q13. How will aid be adjusted if the student falls below half time during the semester in which additional Pell funds were received?

A13. A student must maintain at least 6 credit hour enrollment in the semester for which they are receiving the additional Pell Grant funds. If the student drops or withdraws from any classes during the semester, Pell will be recalculated based on enrollment at the student’s Pell census date. If the student drops and/or withdraws from all classes all federal aid will be evaluated for a Return of Title IV Funds. Students that fall below 6 credit hours awarded additional Pell only would have their semester award reduced to zero.

YEAR ROUND PELL AWARD EXAMPLES:

EFC: 0

Annual Scheduled Pell Grant Award: \$6195

Term	Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment	12	9	12
Award	\$3098	\$2324	\$3097
Percent Used	50 percent	37.50 percent	50 percent

Total Pell Used: 137.50 percent (additional Pell Grant funds awarded in summer)

EFC: 0

Annual Scheduled Pell Grant Award: \$6195

Term	Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment	6	6	3
Award	\$1549	\$1549	\$774
Percent Used	25 percent	25 percent	12.50 percent

Total Pell Used: 62.50 percent (summer funded with remaining Pell from annual scheduled award)

EFC: 75

Annual Scheduled Pell Grant Award: \$6145

Term	Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment	12	12	3
Award	\$3073	\$3072	\$0
Percent Used	50 percent	50 percent	0 percent

Total Pell Used: 100 percent (not eligible for additional Pell at less than 6 credit hours in summer and no remaining Pell Grant fund from the initial annual scheduled award.)

EFC: 800

Annual Scheduled Pell Grant Award: \$5445

Term	Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment	12	12	6
Award	\$2723	\$2722	\$1361
Percent Used	50 percent	50 percent	25 percent

Total Pell Used: 125 percent (additional Pell Grant funds awarded in summer)