

Oklahoma City Community College
Financial Aid Office
Fact Sheet 2013-2014
Federal Pell Grant Program

- The Federal Pell Grant is the largest federal student aid grant program. For students who qualify it is the base award from which all financial aid awards are packaged.
- To apply for Federal Title IV Student Financial Assistance programs including the Pell Grant, other federal grants, federal work-study and federal student loans you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually at <http://www.fafsa.gov/>. At this site you will be able to obtain a PIN for use as your signature. A parent of a dependent student will also need to obtain a PIN for their signature.
- It is very important that you file an accurate FAFSA to avoid delays in early processing of your request for financial aid to attend the college, university, or career school you are considering.
- Results of the analysis of information you provide on the FAFSA will indicate if you're eligible for a Pell Grant. This information will be provided on the Student Aid Report sent to you from the Federal Central Processing System (CPS).
- The Financial Aid Office from each school you list on the FAFSA will receive an electronic version of the Student Aid Report and will use the results of your FAFSA analysis to determine your eligibility for federal student financial assistance from each program you may qualify for: grants, loans, work.
- You may be asked to submit documentation to the Financial Aid Office to verify the information you submitted on the FAFSA if your FAFSA is selected for verification of the data you supplied.
- If you are eligible for a Pell Grant, and/or other assistance you will be notified by email of your award and to view all your award offers through the OCCC Mine-Online system.
- For the 2013-2014 award year; Pell Grant awards for full-time students range is estimated to be from \$582 to \$5,645 depending on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated by the Federal Central Processing System (CPS) from data you provided on the FAFSA.
- Pell Grant awards are disbursed once per semester (fall 50% and spring 50%). A full time student receives their full Pell Grant for the year during the regular academic year fall/spring. Please review the Payment Policies and Procedures Fact Sheet available from the Financial Aid Office, also on the Financial Aid webpage: <http://www.occc.edu/financialaid/FactSheets.html>
- Part-time students do not receive a full Pell Grant award each semester. Enrollment level each semester determines the amount of Pell Grant paid. A student may be full-time, three-quarter time, half-time, and some students are eligible for a small Pell Grant at less than half-time enrollment.
- Enrollment level is determined as follows: full time 12 or more credit hours; three quarter time 9 to 11 credit hours; half-time 6 to 8 credit hours; and less than half-time 1 to 5 credit hours.
- Your initial Pell Grant award is based on the number of credit hours you are registered for if your FAFSA is received prior to the start of the academic year. If you are not enrolled when your FAFSA is first received, the initial award will be based on full time status. Your final award each semester and the

amount of Pell Grant applied to your charges will be based on the credit hours you have at the close of the add/drop period for the semester.

- If your FASFA arrives after the semester is in progress, your payment will be based on the credit hours you are in at that point in the semester.
- If the results of your FASFA are on file after the 16 week census date, payment will be based on the eligible courses you are actively participating in.
- The Financial Aid Office will not pay for courses added after the date your enrollment status is calculated.
- Students who do not use all of their Pell Grant for full-time enrollment in both Fall and Spring Semesters may have remaining eligibility for the following summer semester. Therefore, may be eligible for some Pell Grant on a Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and Summer Semester basis.
- If you are a degree seeking student in an eligible academic program at OCCC and if you plan to take Summer Semester classes, the Financial Aid Office will assess your eligibility for summer Pell and other aid and notify you by email.
- Students who receive Federal Title IV Student Assistance must maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress to continue their eligibility.
- You must begin attendance in all your courses and if the results of your FASFA are on file at OCCC prior to the close of the 16 week add/drop period (census date) you will be paid based on your enrollment status at the census date.
- You must be active in your courses and the courses must be eligible for payment.
- Beginning with the 2013-2014 FASFA, all students who are Pell Grant recipients (including students who have previously received Pell Grant) have a limit of 12 full time equivalent semesters of eligibility. After the 12 full time equivalent semester eligibility ends.