

Summer Pell Grant Policy

For the 2010-2011 Award Year, Federal regulations allow students to receive two Scheduled Pell Awards in one award year if they attend a crossover period. For the College of Marin the crossover period is the summer 2011 term. Students must have a complete financial aid file for the award year used to determine Pell grant eligibility. Student must have also earned a total number of credit hours, which when combined with the third semester enrollment exceeds 24 credits (meeting progression). Students must also be enrolled in at least 6 units and be making satisfactory academic progress. If students do not qualify for a second scheduled award and portions of the current year's Pell Grant award remains after Spring Semester, the remainder would be applied towards the Summer Semester.

For the **first scheduled Pell Grant award**, a student must:

- Be Pell Grant eligible.
- Be enrolled at any enrollment status (full-time, 3/4 time, 1/2 time or less than 1/2 time).
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- The amounts received will count toward the aggregate lifetime limit.*

To qualify to receive a **second scheduled Pell Grant award** within the same award year, a student must:

- Remain Pell eligible.
- Have received or be receiving 100% of the First Scheduled Pell Grant Award.
- Be **enrolled** for summer at least half-time (6 credit hours).
- Earned a total number of credit hours, which when combined with the summer enrollment exceeds 24 credits.
- The amounts received will count toward the aggregate lifetime limit.*

Transfer students: For students who transfer from another school, COM will take into consideration the Pell Grant award received at the prior institution. If a student received 100% of the first Scheduled Award at their prior school, we will assume that the student completed an academic year. If a student received less than 100% of their first Scheduled Award, we will assume that the student completed the same ratio of the academic year as the percentage of the first Scheduled Award utilized at the prior school.

Special Circumstances: In certain circumstances, the Financial Aid Director may waive the academic year completion requirement for a second scheduled award. This may be done if the Financial Aid Director determines that the student was unable to complete the hours of the first academic year due to "circumstances beyond the student's control". Circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the student withdrawing from classes due to a verifiable illness or a class being canceled. The determination must be made and documented on a student-by-student basis. "Circumstances beyond the student's control" do not include: withdrawing to avoid a particular grade, failing to register for a necessary class to avoid a particular instructor, or being unable to register because classes are full.

*Aggregate lifetime limit is defined as 900% of a scheduled Pell award. This equates to 18 semesters of fulltime enrollment. This affects students who first received Pell grant payments in fall 2008 and after.

Please note this policy is subject to change based on changes in Federal Policy.

Example 1 –Student does not meet progression and is not enrolled at least half-time

Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment: 12 Hours	Enrollment: 12 Hrs	Enrollment: 3 Hrs
Completes: 0 Hours	Completes: 12 Hrs	Progression: 0 + 12 + 3 = 15 Hrs
Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award: 0 not eligible

In this example the student did not meet the academic year progression of at least 25 hours (combination of fall and spring completed hours, and summer enrollment), and the student is not enrolled in at least 6 units. This student is not eligible for any Pell grant in the summer.

Example 2 –Student meets progression and is enrolled at least half-time

Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment: 12 Hours	Enrollment: 12 Hrs	Enrollment: 6 Hrs
Completes: 12 Hours	Completes: 9 Hrs	Progression: 12 + 9 + 6 = 28 Hrs
Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award:1388 (25% of \$5,550)

In this example the student meet the academic year progression of at least 25 hours (combination of fall and spring completed hours, and summer enrollment), and the student is enrolled in at least 6 units. This student is eligible for Pell grant in the summer.

Example 3 –Student meets progression but is not enrolled at least half-time

Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment: 12 Hours	Enrollment: 12 Hrs	Enrollment: 3 Hrs
Completes: 12 Hours	Completes: 12 Hrs	Progression: 12 + 12 + 3 = 27 Hrs
Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award: 0 not eligible

In this example the student meet the academic year progression of at least 25 hours (combination of fall and spring completed hours, and summer enrollment), however the student is not enrolled in at least 6 units. This student is not eligible for any Pell grant in the summer.

Example 4 –Student does not meet progression and is enrolled at least half-time

Fall	Spring	Summer
Enrollment: 12 Hours	Enrollment: 12 Hrs	Enrollment: 6 Hrs
Completes: 6 Hours	Completes: 9 Hrs	Progression: 6 + 9 + 6 = 21 Hrs
Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award: \$2,775 (50% of \$5,550)	Pell Award:1388 (25% of \$5,550)

In this example the student does not meet the academic year progression of at least 25 hours (combination of fall and spring completed hours, and summer enrollment), however the student is enrolled in at least 6 units. This student is not eligible for Pell grant in the summer.