

## Year-Round Pell Grant: Frequently Asked Questions

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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. Vance-Granville Community College will implement "Year Round Pell Grant" beginning in the summer of 2018.

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 the Summer term at Vance-Granville Community College is considerably shorter in length than the Fall and Spring semesters (16 weeks each). While a student may be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant at full-time enrollment, the student should not immediately assume a full-time course load. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with their advisors and/or Academic and Career Coaches to formulate a course load for the Summer term that is most suitable for them.

### **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: Vance-Granville Community College will determine Year-Round Pell awards in 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?**

Example – Student A: Student A 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-time Pell disbursements for both semesters. With the new implementation of year-round Pell, the student will now be eligible to receive a full-time disbursement for the Summer term 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%)

Example – Student B: Student B 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-time Pell disbursements for both semesters. 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%)

Example – Student C: Student C 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-time disbursement. Student C 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-time disbursement for the Summer term 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%)

Example – Student D: Student D 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 both the Fall and Spring semesters. For the Summer term, Student D only enrolls for four credit hours. Student D is not enrolled at least half-time and therefore is not eligible for additional Pell Grant funds for the Summer term.

<b>Scenario 4</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>	<b>Spring 2018</b>	<b>Summer 2018</b>
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