



## PELL GRANT PROGRAM

### What is the Pell Grant Program?

The Pell Grant Program is funded by the federal government and is the largest federal grant program that provides money to help undergraduates pay for their college education. Unlike loans, grants are gift assistance that does not have to be repaid, as long as you maintain satisfactory progress.

### Who is eligible for a Pell Grant?

You may be eligible for a Pell Grant if you meet all of the following conditions:

1. You are enrolled in a regular degree program as a matriculated student at SLCC.
2. You are a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.
3. You are making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the financial aid policy.
4. You are not in default on a Perkins Loans, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Parent Loan (PLUS) or Supplemental Loan to Students (SLS).
5. You do not owe a repayment on a previous Pell Grant or other grants.
6. You can show financial eligibility as determined by the Federal Processor.
7. You have not previously earned a baccalaureate degree.

### How do I apply for a Pell Grant?

You apply for a Pell Grant by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This can be done on the internet ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). There is no charge to file the FAFSA application. A new application must be filed every academic school year. You will receive an Institutional Student Information Record by email that includes an EFC (Estimated Family Contribution), a number that indicates your tentative eligibility for the Pell Grant.

### How long do I have to submit my information to the school and what do I do if it is delayed?

Pell Grants are awarded retroactively if you were enrolled in an eligible degree program at SLCC during previous terms of the current award year. **However, you must be enrolled during the term you turn in this information.** Pell Grants are awarded throughout the year; however, you should apply early enough to ensure that your grant is available in time for the first term you plan to enroll. It is possible to receive a Pell Grant late in the academic year as long as the Financial Aid Office receives your information no later than the published Federal date, usually August 1, and you must currently be attending SLCC. If you have not received your SAR and it has been more than six weeks since you mailed your FAFSA Form or submitted your information on the web, you may check on the status of your application by calling 1-800-433-3243. If you have questions about Pell Grants in general, you should consult your Financial Aid Advisor.

### What if I don't have an EFC number?

If the information on your application appears incomplete, your EFC cannot be determined. If this happens, you will receive a request for additional information. It must be corrected as soon as possible so your application evaluation can be completed. Please contact the Financial Aid Office to determine if we can make the changes/corrections electronically. Once the new information is received, processing will be resumed. The Financial Aid Office is required to verify the accuracy of a percentage of applications submitted to our office. If any additional documentation is needed, you will be notified. It is important for you to respond immediately to avoid a delay in processing your aid application. When discrepancies are resolved and all requested documentation has been received, your file will be put in for processing. From this point it may take approximately 1-2 weeks to generate an Award Notification. Students applying early for the coming school year

will not be notified until May.

**How will I know if corrections have been made to my application?**

You will be notified if we make corrections. When you receive notification from the Federal Processor that a correction has been completed, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

**What do I do once I am awarded my grant?**

Your Pell Grant will be applied directly to your student account each term. Any funds remaining after paying your tuition and fees will be sent to you in a check or you can set up a direct deposit. If your grant does not cover the cost of your tuition/fees, you must pay the additional charges by the tuition payment deadline. Funds may be released the week before school begins.

**Can I receive my grant if I enroll for less than half time?**

You may be eligible for a partial Pell Grant as a less than half-time student if your EFC is low enough and Congress has allocated sufficient funding.

**What if I drop classes after receiving my Pell grant?**

If you drop credit hours at any time after receiving your financial aid, you may be required to repay a portion or all of the funds you received. You will be notified by the Financial Aid Office after the add/drop period is over.

**Where can I find information on my Pell Grant application?**

You can find information on your Pell Grant in three ways. First, you can check your information online at [www.mypage.slcc.edu](http://www.mypage.slcc.edu). You must have your Student ID Number and your PIN to access this information. Second, you can come in to any of the Financial Aid Offices. There are offices located on the Redwood-Taylorville, Jordan, South and Sandy Campuses. Last, you can call our office at (801) 957-4410.

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