

Federal Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility

In December 2011, President Obama signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74). This law has significantly affected the Pell Grant Program. Beginning in Fall 2012, students are now limited to 12 semesters (or 600 percent) of Pell Grant eligibility during their lifetime. This change affects all students regardless of when they received their first Pell Grant.

How is the percentage calculated?

The percentages are based on the annual award at full-time enrollment status. If you were a full-time student for both fall and spring semesters in an academic year and you received the maximum annual award, the percentage used is 100 percent. If you were a $\frac{3}{4}$ time student for each semester and received a $\frac{3}{4}$ time annual award, the percentage used is 75 percent.

How do I see my Lifetime Pell Grant used?

You may view your percentage of Pell Grant used by logging into NSLDS.ed.gov. Your 'Lifetime Eligibility Used' percentage will be displayed in the 'Grants' section.