

Federal Pell Grant Program

First Pell Grant Award [within one academic year]

Enrollment status

The Federal Pell Grant is the largest federal grant program and is the foundation of a student's total "aid package." Eligibility is determined by the federal government using a standard formula for all applicants.

For the 2009-2010 academic year the maximum Pell Grant is \$5,350 based on full-time enrollment for the school year (Fall 09 and Spring 10). Pell Grant awards are adjusted if you enroll in less than 12 units per semester.

For the 2009-2010 academic year the enrollment status for each semester including summer is:

Full-time	12 or more units
$\frac{3}{4}$ -time	9 to 11.5 units
$\frac{1}{2}$ -time	6 to 8.5 units
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ -time	Less than 6 units

The basis for your Pell Grant disbursement is your enrollment status after the end of the "add/drop" period, or the level of enrollment at the time of the semester's first disbursement. On that date your enrollment level will be frozen for that semester. Once your Pell Grant award has been processed and your enrollment status for the semester has been determined it will not be adjusted if you add or withdraw units after the freeze date. The freeze dates for the Fall and Spring semesters along with the main disbursement dates are posted at:

<http://www.sdmesa.edu/financial-aid/pdf/09-10PaymentDates.pdf>

Lifetime Eligibility

If you received a Pell Grant for the first time on or after July 1, 2008, you are limited to receive a lifetime limit of up to the equivalent of 18 terms of Pell Grant paid as a full time student or 900% of a Pell Grant. This includes payments received at community colleges, vocational schools and four year public and private universities.

Regardless of the Pell Grant amount, if you receive the full year amount then you have received 100%.

For example, your Pell Grant for the year is for \$4,000 and you receive \$2,000 in Fall, \$1,000 in Spring and the remaining \$1,000 in Summer. You have received the entire \$4,000 or 100% for the year.

Fall \$2,000 (50%)

Spring \$1,000 (25%)

Summer \$1,000 (25%)

The 900% total eligibility applies at all schools and colleges. However, once you have earned a Bachelor's Degree, you are no longer eligible for a Pell Grant, even if you haven't received the entire 900% eligibility. You must also meet and maintain the financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards to remain eligible each year.

Second Pell Grant Award (Year Round Pell) [within the same academic year]

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 allows for eligible students to receive up to 200% of their Pell Grant during one academic year. Specific conditions must be met in order to be eligible for a Second Pell Grant (Year Round Pell). These include:

- You must receive 100% of your First Pell Grant award.
- You must be enrolled in at least 6 units for the semester/term that you will receive your Second Pell Grant.
- You must complete 24 units for the academic year (effective for the 2010-2011 school year).
- You may also qualify for a Second Pell Grant if you are enrolled in units during a semester/term that are attributable (assigned) to the Second Pell Grant award.

Examples of Second Pell Grant Eligibility [within the same academic year]

Example 1 - Student receives 100% of his First Pell Grant in Fall 09 and Spring 10 and enrolls in 9 units for Summer 10. Student is eligible for Second Pell Grant of \$2,006 based on 9 units enrolled in summer.

Fall 09 Pell Grant \$2,675 (50%) 12 units completed	Spring 10 Pell Grant \$2,675 (50%) 12 units completed	Summer 10 Second Pell \$2,006 (37%) 9 units enrolled
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Example 2 – Student receives 100% of his First Pell Grant in Fall 09 and Spring 10 and enrolls in 3 units for Summer 10. Student is **not** eligible for Second Pell Grant because the student is not enrolled in at least 6 units for the summer. Also, the student does not have any remaining eligibility of funds from the First Pell Grant award.

Fall 09 Pell Grant \$2,675 (50%) 12 units completed	Spring 10 Pell Grant \$2,675 (50%) 12 units completed	Summer 10 Not eligible for a Pell Grant award 3 units enrolled
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Example 3 – Student does not receive 100% of his First Pell Grant in Fall 09 and Spring 10 but is enrolled in 6 units for Summer 10 of which 3 units are attributable to the Second Pell Grant award. For the summer, the student is eligible for remaining \$669 of the First Pell Grant and \$668 from the Second Pell Grant for a total of \$1,337.

Fall 09 Pell Grant \$2,006 (37%) 9 units completed	Spring 10 Pell Grant \$2,675 (50%) 12 units completed	Summer 10 Total Pell \$1,337 \$669 First Pell (13%) and \$668 Second Pell (13%) 6 units enrolled, 3 units apply to Second Pell
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In this example, if the student drops the 3 units that apply to the Second Pell Grant award then the student would not be eligible for the \$668 Second Pell Grant disbursement.

These are just 3 examples of the Second Pell Grant award determination. Every student will be reviewed and calculated based on his own information (Pell Grant award and amounts received, units completed and units enrolled).

Summer 2010 Pell Grant

To be eligible to receive a Summer 2010 Pell Grant, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- You must have a completed financial aid file for the 2009-2010 school year at SD Mesa College.
- You must not be disqualified based on the Financial Aid Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- You qualify for a 2009-2010 Federal Pell Grant.

- You must enroll in and maintain enrollment in at least one class for the Summer 2010 term at SD Mesa College. Classes taken at ECC, City and Miramar Colleges will be counted towards your total enrollment as long as you have one class at SD Mesa College. Classes taken at colleges outside of our District can not be counted.
- You must enroll in all of your summer classes for all summer sessions up front by **July 9, 2010 (Enrollment Freeze Date)** to be considered for your maximum Pell Grant eligibility. If Pell Grant is awarded after the summer Freeze date, your enrollment level is determined by the number of units at the time of the disbursement.

****You will not qualify for a Summer Pell Grant if you do not enroll in any classes at SD Mesa College****

For the Summer 2010 term, the enrollment status for Financial Aid calculation purposes will be different than the college enrollment status. The San Diego Community College District will limit student's enrollment to a maximum of 9 units until June 22nd after which students can enroll up to 12 units provided there are classes open and there is space available. The Summer Financial Aid enrollment statuses are:

Full-time	12 or more units
¾-time	9 to 11.5 units
½-time	6 to 8.5 units
Less than ½-time	Less than 6 units

Important Reminder: Every student's eligibility is different. Your actual Summer Pell Grant award may vary depending on your EFC, your remaining Pell Grant eligibility, your summer enrollment status and your possible eligibility for a Second Pell Grant.

Changes in your enrollment status prior to July 9th will result in a change of your Summer Pell Grant award. It may take a few days before your changes to your Summer Pell award become effective.

Summer Bookstore Process (with funds from the First Pell Grant award only)

Depending on your eligibility, a portion of your Summer Pell Grant will be available for use at the San Diego Community College District Bookstores. The maximum amount that will be available at the Bookstore will be \$350. Only funds from the First Pell Grant award will be available at the bookstore. Funds from the Second Pell Grant award (Year Round Pell) will not be available at the bookstore.

The Bookstore dates for Summer 2010 are:

June 1	Accounts open
July 1	Accounts closed

The balance of your Summer Pell Grant, if any, will be disbursed based on your enrollment status as of July 9, 2010 **(Enrollment Freeze date)**.

The disbursement dates for funds from the First Pell Grant award for Summer 2010 are:

July 16	Checks mailed or direct deposited
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The disbursement dates for funds from the Second Pell Grant award for Summer 2010 are:

July 22	Checks mailed or direct deposited
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If your check is scheduled for pick up, you will have two weeks to pick it up before it is canceled.

Classes added after July 9, 2010 will not be counted towards any Summer Pell Grant eligibility. If you drop or withdraw from all of your summer classes, you may have to repay funds received based on the date you dropped or withdrew from classes. You will be notified by mail if you are required to repay any funds. If you withdraw/drop from a class prior to the first meeting day, you may have to repay part of the funds received.

Crossover Period Policy for 2009-2010 Academic Year*

To implement the Second Pell Grant Award (Year Round Pell) for the Crossover Period of 2009-2010, the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Financial Aid Offices will follow the following policy:

- SDCCD (SD Mesa College) will award 2009-2010 Second Pell Grant award to all students who meet Second Pell Grant eligibility based on their 2009-2010 ISIR and will not make a comparison to their 2010-2011 ISIR.
- SDCCD (SD Mesa College) will not review academic year progression for 2009-2010 eligibility.
- Effective July 1, 2010, SDCCD (SD Mesa College) will award 2010-2011 First Pell Grants to new incoming students who qualify based on their 2010-2011 ISIR, are enrolled for the Summer 10 term and who do not have a 2009-2010 ISIR.
 - Students who have a 2010/2011 FAFSA and received a valid 2009/2010 ISIR after July 1st, 2010, a comparison must be done to pay the highest Pell amount based on their summer enrollment. The student must meet all disbursement eligibility requirements.

** This policy has been agreed to by the Financial Aid Officers, Greg Sanchez (SD City College), Gilda Maldonado (SD Mesa College), Teresa Vilaboy (SD Miramar College), Financial Aid Student Services Supervisors, Maria Del Pilar Ezeta (SD Mesa College), Alisia Acevedo (SD City College), and Technical Analyst, Katie Phan (SDCCD - I.T.) on April 21, 2010 at the San Diego Community District Office. Policy and interpretation guidance taken from Department of Education Webinar, Pell Grant Term-Based Credit Hour Schools (April 13, 2010) and U.S Department of Education, Two Pell Grant In An Award Year,(March 2010).*