

Beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year, an eligible student may now receive full Federal Pell Grant for summer 2018 even if they received a full Federal Pell Grant during the fall and spring semesters. Year-round Pell allows students to receive up to 150 percent of a regular grant award over the course of the academic year so that they can continue taking classes in the summer and finish their degrees faster than they would otherwise.

With careful planning, Pell Grant recipients may take advantage of this new opportunity to earn their degree faster. Students should consult with their advisor to develop a manageable course load for the summer term. Just because students may be eligible for full-time Pell Grant funds DOES NOT mean students are required to carry a full-time load.

Note: The provisions of the new law state that any Pell Grant received will be included in determining the student's Pell Grant duration of eligibility and Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU). To be eligible for additional Pell Grant funds:

- student must be otherwise eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the payment period
- student must be enrolled at least half-time in the payment period(s) (6 credit hours) during the summer term
- student must be maintaining satisfactory academic progress

To apply for the Pell Grant in the summer, students must complete the **2017-2018 FAFSA** available online at www.fafsa.gov and complete the 2018 Summer Financial Aid Request – PELL form. To complete this form:

- Log into the MyDSCC Student portal
- Click on the Student tab
- Under the Student Quick Links box, click on 2018 Summer Financial Aid Request – PELL
- Follow the steps to complete the form

The Financial Aid Office will begin posting Summer 2018 awards to students' MyDSCC accounts on or around April 2018. Students must have all verification paperwork submitted to be considered for financial aid.