

Summer Term Awarding Policy

Summer semester is considered a trailer for the purposes of Federal Title IV student aid. If a student is enrolled and has remaining Pell Grant eligibility, Summer aid is awarded and disbursed. *For the calculation of California College Promise Grant eligibility only, Summer is considered the header for an academic year.*

Summer Semester Pell

Summer Pell is considered a trailer award. The standard term definition of full time is 12 units, and therefore 12 units must be considered full time for the Summer term. Formula One will be used for calculation of Summer Pell.

A financial aid census date will also be determined for the Summer semester as is the case for the Fall and Spring semesters. Peralta late-start course rules will apply to the Summer semester as well. Students who are enrolled less than half-time (under six units for Summer) can receive a Pell Grant from remaining eligibility.

All eligibility requirements including SAP must be met before disbursing Summer Pell Grants.

Year-round Pell

Federal Regulations have increased student maximum annual Pell grant eligibility funds **to 150 percent** of the student's Pell grant scheduled award for an award year. This change will allow students to receive an additional semester of Pell grant funds per award year.

In order to comply with federal regulations, the Peralta Colleges have determined that year-round Pell Grant awards (either first or second Pell awards) will be assigned only to the award year as a trailer term. Peralta Colleges will award using Formula One, with full time enrollment being 12 or more units; three-quarter time ranging from 9-11.5 units; half time ranging from 6 – 8.5 units, and less-than-half-time ranging from 0.5 – 5.5 units.

Students who have received all of their 1st scheduled Pell (100% Pell used) award amount may continue to receive Pell Grant funds (2nd Pell) if they are enrolled **at least half time**. Students who are enrolled less than half- time (under six units) can receive a Pell grant from remaining eligibility only on the first scheduled Pell award and are not eligible for a second Pell award.

All other eligibility requirements including SAP must be met before

disbursing year-round Pell grants. Students who transfer into a Peralta College mid-year can also benefit from the 150% year-round rule as long as they are meet all other eligibility criteria for Pell.

Although the majority of year-round Pell awards at Peralta will be for the Summer term, there will be cases in which year-round Pell awards may apply to the preceding Spring term. Also note that second Pell awards will also be counted towards the 600% Pell lifetime eligibility limit.

Summer Direct Loans

Peralta will use the standard scheduled academic year (SAY) to determine eligibility and annual loan limits. Summer session is considered the trailing semester of the academic year. Borrower based academic year will not be used.