Student Financial Services

Important Federal Pell Grant Information

Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)

The Title IV Consolidation Appropriation Act of 2012 limits the amount of Federal Pell Grant eligibility to six (6) years for all recipients. The new law applies to all current and future Federal Pell Grant funds awarded and any used prior to 2012.

In order to make sure educational goals are achieved within the six (6) year timeframe, recipients should follow a degree plan and periodically meet with an Academic Advisor or Counselor to discuss graduation or transfer plans. Once notified by the Department of Education and/or Student Financial Services, recipients who exceed the six (6) year timeframe cannot receive a Federal Pell Grant for any future coursework.

FAQs

**Q.** How will I be notified if I've exceeded the LEU (Lifetime Eligibility Used) timeframe?

**A.** You will receive an e-mail from the Department of Education and a message from the Student Financial Services office in your ACES Financial Aid account.

**Q.** What if I attend another institution or change majors, will my LEU timeframe be reset?

**A.** No, the LEU timeframe does not reset itself based on transferring to another institution or changing your major.

**Q.** Is there any appeal or continuation process available if I've exceeded the LEU timeframe?

**A.** No, there is not a process through the Department of Education or the Alamo Colleges to continue receiving Federal Pell Grant funds once the timeframe has been exceeded.

**Q.** If I've exceeded the LEU timeframe, can I still receive other types of aid?

**A.** As long as you are meeting SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) and all other requirements, you may be eligible and can apply for other types of aid including Direct Loans.

**Q.** Where can I learn more about the LEU law and how to monitor the total amount of Federal Pell Grant I've currently used?

**A.** A link to the Federal Student Aid website is provided on the Alamo College's Student Financial Services website under Do You Qualify.