

New regulations for the Federal PELL Grant beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year limit the grant to a maximum of twelve full-time semester equivalents. Federal PELL Lifetime Eligibility Used or LEU). Each full-time semester equates to 50% of your total LEU which yields a maximum percentage of 600% for 12 semesters. Once you have used 600% of your federal PELL eligibility, you are ineligible for federal PELL. This means that:

- If you received a full-time federal PELL award for both the fall and spring semesters, you have used 100% of your 600 lifetime maximum;
- If you received a half-time award in the fall semester and a full-time award in the spring semester, you have used 75% of your lifetime maximum;
- If you received a half-time award in the fall semester and a half-time award in the spring semester, you have used 50% of your lifetime maximum;

If you have received federal PELL awards that total 450% or more of your LEU, you may have been sent SAR's (Student Aid Reports) and financial aid packages with federal PELL awards that may be canceled or reduced later if it is determined that you are ineligible for the grant.

In July, you will be able to log on to the [NSLDS \(National Student Loan Data System\)](#) Student Access Web Site using your Federal Student Aid PIN and view your LEU. The LEU will be found on the Financial Aid Review page.

For more information about this new federal regulation effective July 1, 2012, please refer to the federal [PELL](#) information provided by the US Department of Education.