



DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

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To: Daytona State College Students

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Subject: Changes to Financial Aid Regulations

The Congress and President approved an omnibus spending bill in December, 2011 that will make a number of changes to financial aid regulations. This letter is to inform you of the changes as a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012.

Pell Grants

- Students can no longer receive more than one scheduled Pell Grant in an academic year. This will affect summer Pell Grant eligibility for full-time students. Pell Grant eligibility will return to the “old” regulations in effect prior to the last two summers.

A student who received a full-time (12 credits or more) Pell Grant in both the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters will have no Pell Grant eligibility for summer 2012. Please see chart on the reverse for other eligibility combinations.

- Effective July 1, 2012, new students who do not have a standard high school diploma or GED will not be eligible for a Pell Grant or any other Title IV aid, including a student loan. Current students without a standard high school diploma or GED who have received aid under the Ability-to-Benefit provision of the federal regulations will be allowed to continue to receive financial assistance.
- Effective July 1, 2012, the maximum number of semesters a student can receive a Pell Grant from any and all colleges will be reduced to the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters. This will apply to all applicants, including current and new Pell Grant recipients.

Income Verification for 2012-2013

- Effective with the 2012-2013 award year, the **ONLY** verification acceptable for taxable income is IRS data. Copies of tax returns can no longer be used as income verification.
- As a result, students are encouraged to file their tax returns **PRIOR** to filing the 2012-2013 FAFSA, and when completing the FAFSA, use the IRS tax retrieval process (if prompted to do so). If the tax return is not done prior to the FAFSA submission, and the file is selected for verification, an IRS tax return transcript, requiring a separate request and processing from the IRS, will be required. Typical processing for an IRS tax return transcript is 10-14 days, so this will delay the financial aid award process.

- Students selected for verification who indicate on the FAFSA that they received Food Stamps (SNAP) in 2010 or 2011 will need to provide the college verification from the agency which approved funds; and students who report Child Support paid on the FAFSA will be required to provide the college the name of the person to whom the child support was paid; the name of the child(ren) for whom the payment is being made, and the amount paid in 2011.

Student Loan Interest Subsidy During Grace Period

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 **SUSPENDS** the grace period portion of the interest-free benefit for subsidized loans for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2012.

As more information becomes available, we will continue to send emails to your FalconNet email address.

Closing Comments

- Please remember to file the FAFSA for next academic year no later than March/April, filing after the IRS tax return is completed, for the best awarding timelines.
- Also remember, the federal regulations require colleges to do a cumulative review of satisfactory academic progress at the end of each semester, including summer. With the time between semesters being very short, you must pay close attention to emails sent to your FalconMail account regarding your satisfactory progress after grades are issued, and pay close attention to appeal deadlines if necessary.

Summer Pell Grant Eligibility table:

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer Eligibility</u>
Full-time	Full-time	no eligibility
¾ time	Full-time	¼ time eligibility
½ time	Full-time	½ time eligibility
¼ time	Full-time	¾ time eligibility
Full-time	¾ time	¼ time eligibility
Full-time	½ time	½ time eligibility
Full-time	¼ time	¾ time eligibility
¾ time	¾ time	½ time eligibility
¾ time	½ time	¾ eligibility
½ time	½ time	Full-time eligibility

Similar calculations will be done for all other combinations, so that a student cannot receive greater than one full-time scheduled Pell Grant for the academic year.