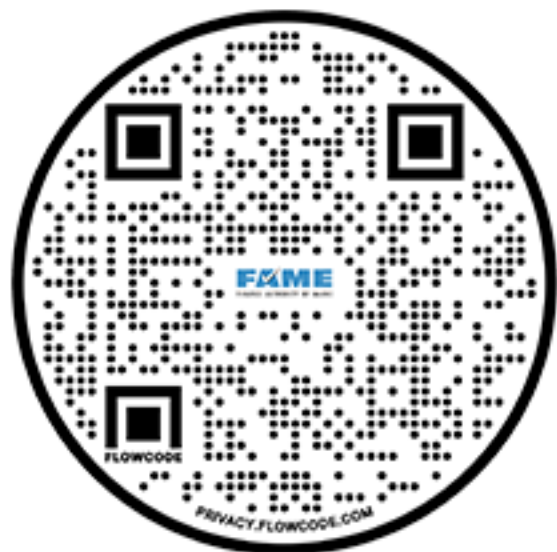


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Pell Grant Eligibility and Transparency

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- **The Pell Grant program** is the largest federal grant program for education.
- To meet the general eligibility criteria, students must:
 - be an undergraduate;
 - not yet earned or completed requirements for a bachelor's or professional degree (limited exception for teacher certification);
 - be at a non-foreign institution; and
 - qualify under one of three sets of eligibility criteria.



Three Pathways to Pell Grant Eligibility

Pell Eligibility Expanded with the 2024-2025 FAFSA!

Three Ways to Determine Pell Grant Eligibility:

*Maximum
Pell Grant*

*Calculated
Pell Grant*

*Minimum
Pell Grant*

Criteria for a Maximum Pell Grant

Dependent student's parent or independent student not required to file federal income tax return

OR

Dependent student's parent a single parent or independent student a single parent with AGI > 0 and < 225% of poverty guideline for family size

OR

Dependent student's parent NOT single parent or independent student not a parent or not a single parent and has AGI > 0 and < 175% of poverty guideline for family size

OR

Student's (under 33) parent died serving in armed forces after 9/11/01 or in line of duty as a public safety officer

Criteria for a **Calculated Pell Grant**

Students not eligible for an automatic Max Pell Grant may be eligible for a calculated Pell Grant

Calculated Pell Grant = Max Pell Grant minus Student Aid Index (SAI)

Example:

Max Pell = \$7,395 (may change for 2024-2025)

SAI = 1,005

Calculated Pell = \$7,395 - 1,005 = \$6,390

Criteria for a Minimum Pell Grant

Independent student is a single parent with AGI \leq 400% of poverty guideline for family size

OR

Dependent student's parent is a single parent with AGI \leq 325% of poverty guideline for family size

OR

Dependent student's parent is NOT a single parent or independent student is NOT a parent and has AGI \leq 275% of poverty guideline for family size

OR

Independent student is a parent but not a single parent and has AGI \leq 350% of poverty guideline for family size

Minimum Pell Grant = 10% of Max Pell Grant

For example, if the Maximum Pell Grant is \$7,500, Minimum Pell Grant would be \$750



Pell Grant Transparency and Early Awareness

Early Awareness – Pell Look Up Tables!

Ability for students and families to determine if student eligible for a maximum or minimum Pell Grant before a FAFSA is filed.

Example: Dependent Student’s Parent is Single

Student's Parent is a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	★ Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (225% of Poverty Guideline)	★ Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (325% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$41,198	\$59,508
3	\$23,030	—————→ \$51,818	—————→ \$74,848
4	\$27,750	\$62,438	\$90,188
5	\$32,470	\$73,058	\$105,528
6	\$37,190	\$83,678	\$120,868
7	\$41,910	\$94,298	\$136,208
8	\$46,630	\$104,918	\$151,548
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 225% (Max Pell) or 325% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		

Pell Grant Transparency and Early Awareness

Example: Dependent Student's Parent is **not** a Single Parent

Student's Parent is not a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	★ Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (175% of Poverty Guideline)	★ Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (275% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$32,043	\$50,353
3	\$23,030	\$40,303	\$63,333
4	\$27,750	—————→ \$48,563	—————→ \$76,313
5	\$32,470	\$56,823	\$89,293
6	\$37,190	\$65,083	\$102,273
7	\$41,910	\$73,343	\$115,253
8	\$46,630	\$81,603	\$128,233
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 175% (Max Pell) or 275% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		



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Example: Independent Student is a Single Parent

Student is a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	★ Max Pell Student AGI Limit (225% of Poverty Guideline)	★ Min Pell Student AGI Limit (400% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$41,198	\$73,240
3	\$23,030	—————→ \$51,818	—————→ \$92,120
4	\$27,750	\$62,438	\$111,000
5	\$32,470	\$73,058	\$129,880
6	\$37,190	\$83,678	\$148,760
7	\$41,910	\$94,298	\$167,640
8	\$46,630	\$104,918	\$186,520
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 225% (Max Pell) or 400% (Min Pell) to determine the Student AGI Limit.		

Pell Grant Transparency and Early Awareness

Example: Independent Student is a parent but **not** a Single Parent

Student is a parent but not a Single Parent					
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	★ Max Pell Student AGI Limit (175% of Poverty Guideline)	★ Min Pell Student AGI Limit (350% of Poverty Guideline)		
2	\$18,310	\$32,043	\$64,085		
3	\$23,030	\$40,303	\$80,605		
4	\$27,750	—————→ \$48,563	—————→ \$97,125		
5	\$32,470	\$56,823	\$113,645		
6	\$37,190	\$65,083	\$130,165		
7	\$41,910	\$73,343	\$146,685		
8	\$46,630	\$81,603	\$163,205		
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 175% (Max Pell) or 350% (Min Pell) to determine the Student AGI Limit.				

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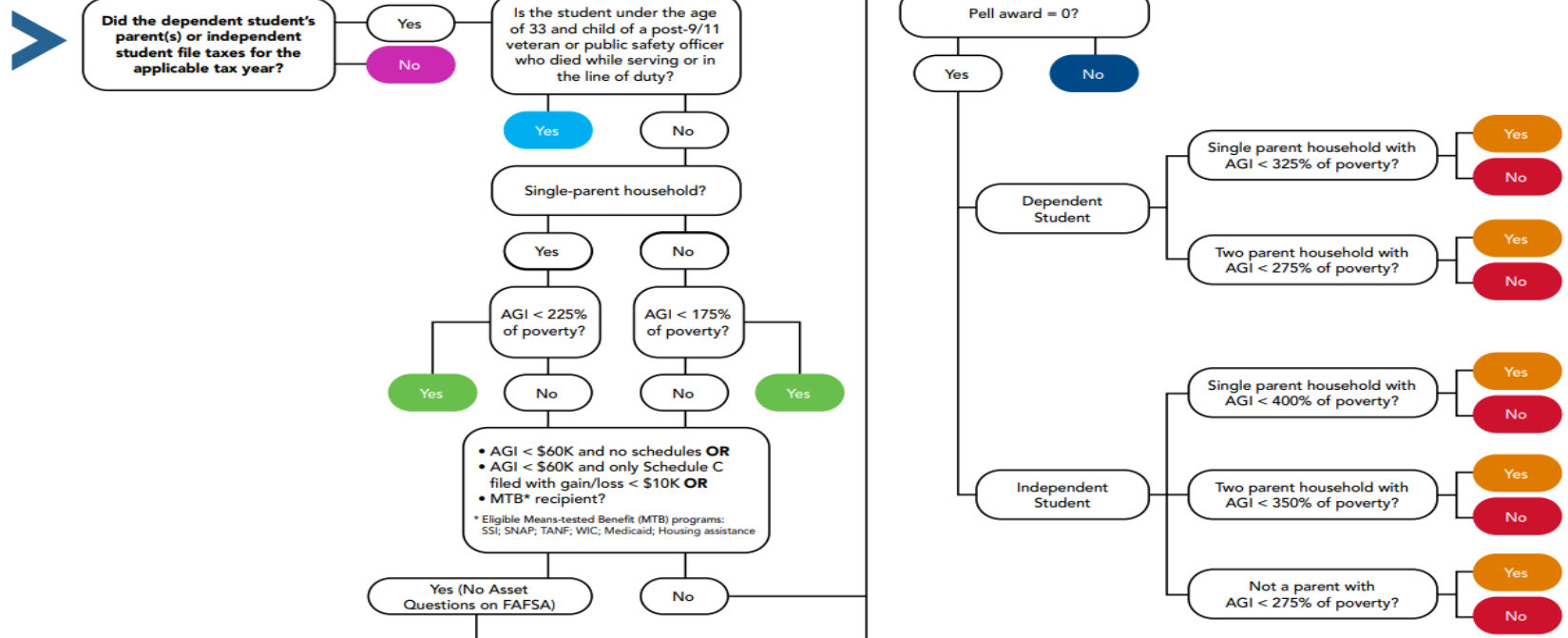
Example: Independent Student is **not** a Parent

Student is not a Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	★ Max Pell Student AGI Limit (175% of Poverty Guideline)	★ Min Pell Student AGI Limit (275% of Poverty Guideline)
1	\$13,590	—————→ \$23,783	—————→ \$37,373
2	\$18,310	\$32,043	\$50,353
3	\$23,030	\$40,303	\$63,333
4	\$27,750	\$48,563	\$76,313
5	\$32,470	\$56,823	\$89,293
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Pell Look Up Tables (including for Independent Students) can be found here: [2024-25 DRAFT SAI Guide - Eligibility for Max-or-Min Pell Grant Resource \(ed.gov\)](#)

FEDERAL METHODOLOGY STUDENT AID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION EFFECTIVE 2024-25 FAFSA

This tool is intended to help FAAs visualize how eligibility for Pell grants and other aid will be determined under the provisions of the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This is not a representation of the applicant experience or actual FAFSA questions.



Maximum Pell:
Auto -1,500 SAI - Other aid types based on SAI.
No Asset Questions on FAFSA.

Maximum Pell:
Auto 0 SAI - Other aid types based on SAI. No asset questions on FAFSA.

Maximum Pell:
Other aid types based on SAI.

Pell Amount Stays at Calculated Amount:
Other aid types based on SAI.

Minimum Pell:
Other aid types based on SAI.

No Pell:
Other aid types based on SAI.

* Eligible Means-tested Benefit (MTB) programs: SSI; SNAP; TANF; WIC; Medicaid; Housing assistance

- The **Scheduled Award** is the maximum amount a student can receive during the award year if the student attends full-time for a full academic year.
- At a semester-based school, an academic year is defined as 30 weeks or two semesters.
- For example, for a student who is eligible for a maximum Pell Grant (based on current maximum) would have a scheduled award of \$7,395.



Enrollment Intensity (Standard Terms)

- To receive the **full scheduled award**, students must be **enrolled full-time**.
- Full-time enrollment is defined by the institution and for undergraduate programs must comprise at least **12 credit hours**.
- For Pell Grant eligible students enrolled less than full-time, award amount are based on enrollment intensity (how many credits they are taking).



Enrollment Intensity (Standard Terms)

Credit Hours	Enrollment Intensity	Enrollment Status Equivalent
12	100%	Full-Time
11	92%	Three-quarter Time
10	83%	Three-quarter Time
9	75%	Three-quarter Time
8	67%	Half-Time
7	58%	Half-Time
6	50%	Half-Time
5	42%	Less-than-Half-Time
4	33%	Less-than-Half-Time
3	25%	Less-than-Half-Time
2	17%	Less-than-Half-Time
1	8%	Less-than-Half-Time

Year-Round Pell

- Students may be eligible to receive up to **150%** of their **scheduled award** for an award year.
- This impacts students attending full-time during the academic year and taking **summer classes**.
- Summer can be either a “**header**” or a “**trailer**.”
- For example, FT for AY and summer is a trailer:
 - Student’s scheduled award is \$6,000
 - Received \$3,000 for fall and \$3,000 for spring
 - Can potentially receive up to \$3,000 for summer

Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)

- A student's maximum duration of Pell eligibility is **six** scheduled awards.
- **One scheduled award equals 100% LEU.**
- Student is ineligible for Pell once they reach 600% LEU.
- For example:
 - a student attending **full-time for fall and spring** (100% for calendar year) can receive six years of Pell Grant funding.
 - a student attending **half-time for fall and spring** (50% for calendar year) can receive twelve years of Pell Grant funding.
 - a student attending **full time for fall, spring, and summer** (150% in one calendar year) can receive four years of Pell Grant funding.



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