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## Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used

On December 23, 2011, President Obama signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74). The new law significantly impacts the amount of Federal Pell Grant funds a student may receive over his or her lifetime. Students may only receive up to six years (or 600%) of their scheduled award.

### **Scheduled Award:**

The maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student may receive is calculated for an “award year.” An award year generally consists of fall, spring, and summer semesters. A “scheduled award” represents 100% of the student’s Pell Grant eligibility for that award year.

### **Percent Used:**

If you receive the full amount of your scheduled award, you will have used 100%. Some students do not receive their entire scheduled award for an award year (ie. Student was not enrolled full time). If a student did not receive the full amount of the scheduled award then a student’s percent will be prorated on the amount of received.

### **Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU):**

The Department of Education tracks LEU by adding together the percentages of Pell Grant scheduled awards received for each award year. See table below.

<b>Examples of Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used</b>		<b>Student A</b>	<b>Student B</b>	<b>Student C</b>
Award Year 1	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	\$5,550	\$5,000	\$4,000
	Pell Grant Amount Received	\$2,775	\$3,750	\$4,000
<b>Percent Used</b>		<b>50%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Award Year 2	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	\$5,200	\$5,000	\$5,550
	Pell Grant Amount Received	\$5,200	\$5,000	\$5,550
<b>Percent Used</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Award Year 3	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	\$4,700	\$5,000	\$5,550
	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	\$4,700	\$1,250	\$5,550
<b>Percent Used</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Award Year 4	Pell Grant Scheduled Award	\$4,700	\$5,000	\$5,550
	Pell Grant Amount Received	\$4,700	\$5,000	\$5,550
<b>Percent Used</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Lifetime Eligibility Used – (LEU)</b>		<b>350%</b>	<b>300%</b>	<b>400%</b>

If a student’s LEU equals or exceeds 600%, the student may no longer receive Pell Grant funding. Similarly, a student whose LEU is greater than 500% but less than 600%, while eligible for a Pell Grant for the next award year, will not be able to receive a full scheduled award.

You can to log on to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) 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.