2020-2021 PELL GRANT LIFETIME ELIGIBILITY

There is nothing you need to complete. This is for informational purposes only.

Students are limited to 12 semesters (or 600%) of Pell Grant eligibility during their lifetime. Students that have already used 600% of their Pell Grant eligibility will no longer be eligible to receive a Pell Grant.

How do I know how this affects me?
If you have attended college full time for 4 years or longer, receiving the Pell Grant each year, you are likely to exhaust or have already exhausted your lifetime limit of 12 semesters of Pell Grant eligibility during the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have attended college full time and received the Pell Grant for 3 years or less you will likely not surpass the lifetime limit during the 2020-2021 school year.

Whether you have used all of your Pell Grant eligibility or only a portion, please be conscious about the lifetime limit of the Pell Grant when changing majors, scheduling classes and/or changing your schedule after drop/add.

Can I see my lifetime Pell Grant used?
You may view your percentage of Pell Grant used by logging into NSLDS.ed.gov. Your ‘Lifetime Eligibility Used’ percentage will be displayed in the ‘Grants’ section.

How is the percentage used calculated?
The percentages are based on the annual award at fulltime enrollment status. For students with an annual award attending full time each semester (for example, fall and spring), the percentage used for that academic year is 100%. If you only attended part time for two semesters, your percentage used for that academic year would be 50%.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please contact our office at (336) 721-2808 or by email at financialaid@salem.edu.