

Pell

Pell Grants are limited to lifetime enrollment amounts (LEU). Students can only receive 600% maximum in a lifetime for PELL. This equates to 12 semesters regardless if a student has earned a degree or not.

Tracking for this is done by NSLDS. Students can check their status at nsls.ed.gov.

Pell grants and all other Title IV aid can be further limited due to a student's Unusual Enrollment History. The Department of Education (DOE) is concerned about a student that has a pattern of attending multiple institutions over a period of time where they stay long enough to receive Title IV credit balance funds but then leave without completing the enrollment period. Current federal law requires a review of the last 3 completed award years. A student's FAFSA (ISIR – electronic version) will be reviewed for unusual enrollment patterns by the DOE. Students will be notified by the DOE if there are issues via the student aid report (the output document from filing the FAFSA) and by Coastal Alabama Community College.

Colleges must review any student who is identified as having an unusual enrollment history. There are three levels:

N – no action is needed

2 – Students who are identified as a 2 must have their last three academic years reviewed for credit completions. If the students attended Coastal Alabama Community College, no further review is necessary. If not see information below.

3 – Students who are identified as a 3 must show proof of academic credit earned at any other institution for past three academic years. Proof will be in the form of an official transcript. Students will be notified and required to provide these transcripts to the financial aid office. If credits are earned, the student will be able to receive Title IV aid. If the credits are NOT earned student must provide reasons and 3rd party unrelated documentation as to why credits were not earned. If student did not earn academic credit at a previously attended institution, including current school, Coastal Alabama Community College must obtain documentation from the student explaining why he/she failed to earn academic credit.

Coastal Alabama Community College must determine whether the documentation supports the reasons given by the student for the student's failure to earn academic credit and student did not enroll only to receive credit balance funds. Institutional determinations are final and not appealable to the DOE and reasons for the decision must be maintained and documented for possible program review. Students will be notified of the decision and can appeal that decision. Appeals must use the SAME form as used for satisfactory academic progress appeals. The form can be under the financial aid-forms tab. These appeals must include any additional documentation (3rd party unrelated documentation) that a student did NOT include with initial explanation. Appeals will be reviewed and students will be notified of appeal determination. If appeal is granted, the student must follow all terms and conditions of the appeal, including following an academic plan. Failure to follow all terms and conditions will result in the removal of all Title IV aid. No further appeal will be allowed. If appeal is denied, no further appeal is allowed.

Note: Appeals take 7 to 10 work days to complete.