

6A-20.0071 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant.

(1) General Eligibility Requirements. To receive aid, a student shall meet the provisions of sections 1009.21, 1009.40 and 1009.505, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 6A-20.001, 6A-20.003 and 6A-20.0371, F.A.C., and:

(a) Be enrolled in a certificate program that consists of 450 or more clock hours and not have previously received a baccalaureate degree.

(b) Be enrolled for a minimum equivalent of three hundred-sixty (360) clock hours for a full-time award, or two hundred-seventy (270) clock hours for a three-quarter time award, or one hundred-eighty (180) clock hours for a half-time award at the end of the drop-add period for each academic term in which the award is received.

(c) Be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or eligible noncitizen pursuant to regulations established by the U.S. Congress or the U.S. Department of Education for the receipt of federal student financial assistance.

(d) Meet the measurable progress standards of the institution.

(e) Not owe a repayment of a grant under the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or any state grant or scholarship program, unless satisfactory arrangements to repay the grant have been made.

(f) Not be in default on any state loan program or any federal Title IV loan program, unless satisfactory arrangements to repay the loan have been made.

(2) Reinstatement awards. A student who met the requirements for renewal provided in section 1009.40, F.S., but did not receive an award for a full academic year shall be eligible to apply for reinstatement during a subsequent application period. Each such student may be eligible for reinstatement if the student has earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the last institution attended.

(3) Restoration awards. A student who fails to meet the renewal provisions of section 1009.40, F.S., shall be eligible to apply for restoration during a subsequent application period. Each such student may be eligible for restoration if the student has earned an institutional cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

(4) Appeals. An applicant may appeal the denial of an award pursuant to section 1009.42, F.S. and Rule 6A-20.0371, F.A.C.

(5) Period of the award. An award is made for the two (2) semesters or three (3) quarters or the equivalent of an academic year. An award may be made for an additional term in the summer if the student was enrolled during one of the prior two (2) semesters or three (3) quarters or the equivalent within an academic year.

(6) Award procedures. The institution shall make preliminary determinations of student eligibility based on information it receives from the need analysis processor, cumulative grade point average, and earned credit information. The institution may prioritize students within one term of certificate completion. A student's award shall not exceed the demonstrated unmet need. When estimating individual award amounts, institutions shall take into consideration a standard cost of education budget, expected family contribution, and estimated Pell Grant award amounts. Each institution shall verify the eligibility of such students and provide individual award notices to the students.

(7) Institutional responsibilities. Each institution shall report to the Florida Department of Education (department) each term within thirty (30) days of the end of the institution's regular drop/add period the social security number and award amount of each awarded student. Each institution shall report to the department each term within thirty (30) days of the end of the institution's regular drop/add period the social security number of each eligible but not awarded student. Institutions will remit refunds and will submit accompanying documentation to the department within sixty (60) days of the end of the institution's regular spring term registration period or within sixty (60) days of the date of the transmittal of supplemental warrants. Exceptions to the refund deadline may be granted to institutions if the institution submits documentation of plans to disburse subsequent summer term awards to the department within sixty (60) days of the end of the institution's regular spring term registration period. Each institution using summer term funds shall report to the department within thirty (30) days of the end of institution's regular drop/add period the social security number and award amount of each awarded student. Institutions using funds for the summer term will remit refunds and will submit accompanying documentation to the department within thirty (30) days after the end of the summer term. Failure to adhere to statutes or rules governing this program could result in the department withholding funds for future periods until such breach is rectified.

(8) Allocations. The department shall allocate funds to be used by institutions. Each institution will receive a minimum base allocation of ninety (90) percent of disbursements for the prior fiscal year or a proportional amount when funds are insufficient to make such allocation. From remaining funds, each institution will receive a proportional amount based on the average number of FTE disbursed students and total unduplicated number of otherwise eligible students reported for the prior three (3) years.

(a) From current year funds that become available during the fiscal year, the department may increase allocations to institutions

based on the institution's Reallocation Request, otherwise eligible students reported, or as determined by the department based on other institutional needs.

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