LIMIT ON SEMESTERS YOU MAY RECEIVE A FEDERAL PELL AND TAP GRANT

Federal Pell Grant:
Students are now limited to 12 full-time equivalent semesters or 600% (100% per academic year) of Pell Grant eligibility during their lifetime. This applies to all students regardless of when or where they received their first Pell Grant. Students who have already used 600% of their Pell Grant eligibility will no longer be eligible for a Pell Grant.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS AFFECTS ME?
If you have attended college for longer than 5 years, 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 upcoming school year.
If you have attended college and received the Pell Grant for 3 years or less you will likely not surpass the lifetime limit during the upcoming school year.
Whether you have used all of your Pell Grant eligibility or only half, please be conscious about the lifetime limit of the Pell Grant when changing majors and/or scheduling classes.

WHERE CAN I FIND MY LIFETIME PELL GRANT USED?
You may view your percentage of Pell Grant used by logging into WWW.NSLDS.ED.GOV
Your ‘Lifetime Eligibility Used’ percentage will be displayed in the ‘Grants’ section.
Example: Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used: 462.518%

HOW IS THE PERCENTAGE USED CALCULATED?
The percentages are based on the annual full-time award. For example, students who had a Pell award for the 2013-2014 academic year and registered for 12 or more credits in each semester (Fall and Spring), would have used 100% of that year’s award. If you only attended 9 credits for two semesters, your percentage used for the academic year would be 75%, etc.
Example: Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used: 400.00% or 8 terms used.

TAP (Tuition Assistance Program):
You may receive TAP for up to 8 semesters (or the equivalent) as an undergraduate degree student. You will be limited to 8 semesters of TAP even if you change majors or transfer to another college.
If you are enrolled in a special program, such as SEEK, you may receive up to 10 semesters (or the equivalent) of TAP as an undergraduate.
For information on TAP terms already received call HESC at 1-888-697-4372 or visit the Lehman College FACTS Office in Shuster Hall room 108.

WHAT AID CAN I RECEIVE IF I NO LONGER CAN GET PELL OR TAP?
The loss of Pell and/or TAP Grant funding does not mean the loss all student aid eligibility.
Student aid that you may be eligible for includes Federal Direct Student Loans, Perkins Loans, Alternative Loans (private education loans), Federal Work-study and various non-Lehman College scholarships and grants (click here). You may want to make use of Academic Management Services’ (AMS) monthly payment plan. Information about this service can be obtained by calling 1-800-635-0120 or visiting http://www.tuitionpay.com/.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS?
For Pell Grant information go to the Financial Aid Office, Shuster Hall room 136 and speak to an advisor or contact us at financial.aid@lehman.cuny.edu.
For TAP information go to the FACTS Office, Shuster Hall room 108 or call 718-960-8526.