

# REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE SUMMER FINANCIAL AID

## Summer aid request form is no longer required.

- Once a student has a schedule in place for summer their account will be evaluated for summer aid.
- Summer aid can take up to two weeks to process once a student is registered for classes as long as everything is in place (registered for classes, FAFSA on file with all Verifications complete, not on Financial Aid Suspension, all other required applications and documentation on file, etc).
- Student accounts will be reviewed for changes in scheduling.

## SUMMER PELL GRANT

- If student took 12 or more credit hours in fall AND spring, no Pell available for summer UNLESS they're registered for at least 6 credit hours in summer.
- If student took LESS than 12 credit hours for fall and/or spring, and they DON'T have at least 6 credit hours for summer, they can only use leftover Pell for summer, which may not be enough to cover charges.
- If student took LESS than 12 credit hours for fall and/or spring and as long as they have AT LEAST 6 credits for summer, they can have another normal Pell offering for summer.
- Please keep in mind that Pell still will pay within a range of credit hours and based on EFC regardless of whatever Pell offering they have.

## SUMMER LOANS

- If a student used full loan eligibility for fall/spring, they will not have any loan availability for summer.
- If a student did NOT use full loan eligibility for fall/spring, they will have loan availability for summer as long as they are registered for AT LEAST 6 credit hours for summer.

## SUMMER HOPE/ZELL MILLER AWARDS

- Keep in mind that even if a student appears to be HOPE (or Zell Miller) eligible and the award is added before spring grades are posted, ALL students receiving HOPE (or Zell Miller) will undergo an end-of-spring checkpoint. If the student no longer has the required GPA at that time, HOPE (or Zell Miller) would then be removed.
- HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship amounts for summer semester could change based on information received from the state in May.

Also keep in mind that SAP calculations will be run after spring grades are turned in so even if a student is awarded financial aid before spring is over, it is possible financial aid will be removed once SAP is run if they are no longer meeting SAP requirements.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE/BILL

- Students should be advised to keep a close watch on their Summer Schedule/Bill to monitor their charges and aid.
- All fee payment deadlines for summer classes are for *all* classes taken during summer.
- The fee payment deadline in May is for *all* summer classes and not just Maymester classes.
- Even if student is taking a Maymester class or only Maymester classes, no refunds will be issued until the end of June.

*Refunds are issued by the GHC Business Office.*

Summer registration at GHC usually opens the first week of March.

Fee payment deadlines for summer semester will be posted on the Bursar's webpage once the deadlines have been scheduled.

<https://sites.highlands.edu/office-of-finance-and-administration/business-office/bursars-office-student-accounts/>