

Pell Grant Eligibility: Side-by-Side

Provision	Current Law	House-Proposed FY 12 Bill																																																																																																												
Part-Time Student Eligibility	All less-than-full-time students are eligible	Only students that attend at least half-time are eligible																																																																																																												
Minimum Pell Grant Level	Students whose award size is calculated to be between 5 and 10 percent of the minimum grant level in that year's appropriations receive an award of 10 percent of that level	Students whose award size is determined to be less than ten percent of the minimum grant level are not eligible for a grant of any size																																																																																																												
Duration of Pell award	18 semesters (Applies only to students who receive the first Pell award on or after July 1, 2008)	12 semesters (Applies to all students regardless of when they received their first award)																																																																																																												
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Students who are not high school graduates	Allows non-high school graduates to receive Pell grants if they have: passed an exam; earned approval from the state; completed secondary education in a home school/private school recognized as such by state law; OR demonstrated 6 hours of completed coursework toward a higher degree	Allows only home-schooled students who have completed secondary education in a home school/private school recognized as such by state law to receive Pell grants																																																																																																												