



Muskegon Community College

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Pell Information Sheet

*** Please Read Carefully ***

1. **All Pell eligible students are entitled to an award which is equivalent to two (2) semesters as a full-time student.** The maximum amount you may receive (including any amount received while attending another school) is the **“Yearly Maximum Award,”** listed on the Pell Chart 2009-10, located on the web (<http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/528.asp>). You may use your Pell Grant during the following enrollment periods in the 2009-2010 school year:
 - o Fall Semester, 2009
 - o Winter Semester, 2010
 - o Summer 2010 (but **only** if you didn't enroll as a full-time student in both fall and winter semesters).
2. The **“Award Notifications”** letter you have been sent shows your **estimated** award. Your **actual** award will be determined at the semester's census date. You may charge your tuition, fees, books and supplies, up to the amount of the award. If your award is not large enough to cover all these charges, you must pay the difference.
3. **Late Awards:** If you applied late, your eligibility will be calculated based on your enrollment status. The Business Office will send any refund that is owed to you.
4. **Summer '10 Award:** If you have any Pell Grant eligibility left for summer '10, the award will be listed under **“summer”** on the “Award Notification” letter. Your summer award will be based on the total number of credits you register for in the summer. **Note:** You will be sent a **“Summer Application”** form in **February, 2010**. If you plan to enroll in summer '10, fill out that form and turn it in to the Financial Aid Office, Room 106, so we can determine your Pell Grant eligibility.
5. **Refunds:** If your award is larger than the amount you charged for tuition, fees, books and supplies, you will be mailed a refund check for the remaining balance within 2 weeks after the end of the semester's refund period.* You **must be enrolled and attending classes at the time refund checks are issued, or your refund will be cancelled.**
6. **Repayment of Grant:** Federal law requires that all or part of a Pell Grant has to be **paid back if the student withdraws from ALL classes before attending at least 60% of the semester.** (In a 15-week semester, the 60% time is reached about 9-1/2 weeks after the start of the semester.) If you withdraw completely before 60% of the semester has passed, the College will bill you for any amount you owe back. If you do not repay what you owe, the College must turn the account over to the federal government for collection. This could result in your not being eligible for any more federal aid until the debt is repaid.

Your **2009-2010** Pell Grant award can only be used during the enrollment periods listed above in #1. If you plan to enroll **after the summer '10, you must re-apply for aid, using the 2010-2011 school year application.**

The Financial Aid Office uses the MCC email system and MCC's Web site to communicate important, time sensitive information to you. It is important that you read and clear your email account frequently. It is your **RESPONSIBILITY** to read and understand all the information provided to you. If you have any questions about your award(s), please contact the Student Services Center at (231) 777-0221.

*College **refund dates** are printed in the College's fall, winter, and summer **“Class Schedules.”**