

## **Lamar Community College Program Plan**

**May 19, 2011**

**Program Name: Federal Pell Grant**

**Additional Pell Grant Availability in the Summer 2011 Term**

### **Plan for Aid Year 2010-2011**

As part of the HEOA (Higher Education Opportunity Act) regulations published October 29, 2009, *eligible* students may be awarded up to two Federal Pell Grants within an award year. This legislation is still effective for the 2010-2011 aid year with some changes effective in the summer 2011 term.

### **\*Awarding Policy for the Summer 2011 Term:**

Lamar Community College will determine all enrolled students' eligibility for Federal Pell Grants during the 2011 summer semester based on the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) up to 200% of each student's annual Pell grant eligibility.

**In order to be considered for Additional Pell Grant in the summer 2011 term, students must:**

- **Be Pell eligible as determined by submitting a valid 2010-11 FAFSA**
- **Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credit hours)**
- **Have proven Academic Year Progression by either successfully completing 24 credit hours in the fall and spring terms (less any F grades or withdrawals) or by showing the ability to complete 25 credit hours in fall, spring and summer combined**
- **Not be on Suspension for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress**
- **Not be enrolled in a program of study that is 24 credit hours or less (i.e. some of our certificate programs).**

\*The 2010-11 aid year is the last year students will be able to receive greater than 100% of their annual Pell Grant.

### Key concepts and definitions:

**Academic year:** For purposes of federal financial aid programs at the Lamar Community College, an **academic year** is a period of time (normally a minimum of 30 weeks or fall plus spring semester) during which a full -time undergraduate student is expected to successfully complete a minimum of 24 credit hours. Annual grant limits are tied to the completion of an academic year.

**Academic year progression:** Demonstrated by completing at least 24 credit hours in the fall and spring terms or proving the ability to complete at least 25 credit hours with summer enrollment of at least 6 credit hours.

**Additional Pell Grant:** This refers to the Pell grant eligibility between 100% and 200% of the annual Pell grant eligibility assigned to each Pell-eligible student. In aid year 2010-11 including

summer 2011 term, Pell-eligible students are able to receive up to 200% of their annual Pell eligibility.

- **Students who are enrolled in programs of study that are 24 credits or less (i.e. some of our certificate programs) are NOT eligible for the Additional Pell Grant per federal regulations! If you have questions about your current degree program, contact Student Services.**
- **Summer 2011 is the last time that we will be able to offer Additional Pell Grants – Congress has stipulated that these be eliminated in their Continuing Resolution that they (both the House and the Senate) passed on April 14, 2011, due to funding issues.**
- **If you already were paid the first Scheduled Award Pell Grant for Fall and Spring semesters, and are then awarded the Additional Pell Grant for Summer 2011, but you do not meet the rules for Academic Year Progression, your Pell Grant will not disburse and you may be liable for your tuition, fees and bookstore charges for Summer.**

**Aid Year:** Aid years run from July 1 to June 30.

**Award year** refers to the specific enrollment period. The "normal" award year at LCC is the fall and spring semesters.

**Remaining Pell Grant:** Amount of Pell grant remaining after less than full-time enrollment in fall and spring semesters. If student has not used 100% of their annual 2010-11 Pell grant eligibility, they will have Remaining Pell Grant for the summer term.