

Federal Pell Grant

Students must annually complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \("FAFSA"\)](#) to apply for all federal financial aid programs. This includes the Federal Pell Grant Program.

Effective with the 2017-2018 academic year, Congress has reinstated the provisions in the law that allowed “Year Round Pell” which was two Pell Grants in one award year. **Beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year**, eligibility for Pell Grants will be increased from 12 to 18 full-time semesters. Semesters are counted based on the portion of a full-time equivalent, so that half-time enrollment is counted as half a semester toward the 12-semester limit. (At Muhlenberg College, 1 unit = 4 credit hours and full-time is defined as 3 units or 12 credit hours per semester. Half time would be 2 units or 6 credit hours per semester.)

For purposes of federal financial aid programs at Muhlenberg College, an *academic year* is normally the Fall and Spring Semesters during which a fulltime undergraduate student is expected to complete a minimum of 6 units. The Office of Financial Aid will determine on a case-by-case basis whether a student enrolled in the summer would have their summer session added as a header or a trailer to the Fall and Spring semester. The Office of Financial Aid will make the determination on what is best for the student.

For more detailed information regarding the Federal Pell Grant Program, go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/pell>