

GRANTS

Federal Pell Grant

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Federal Pell Grants usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree. (In some cases, however, a student enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant.) You are not eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant if you are incarcerated in a federal or state penal institution or are subject to an involuntary civil commitment upon completion of a period of incarceration for a forcible or non-forcible sexual offense. Eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant is partially determined by the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled during the semester and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Laredo College will show all student awards on the student portal (passport.laredo.edu (<http://passport.laredo.edu>)).

Levels of Enrollment	Equivalent Credit Hours
Full Time	12 or more Credit Hours
Three Quarter Time	9 - 11 Credit Hours
Half Time	6 - 8 Credit Hours
Less than Half Time ¹	5 Credit Hours or Less

¹ Students enrolled less than full time may still receive a Pell Grant Award if the student's EFC allows it.

Year-Round Pell

U.S. Department of Education allows for Pell Grant eligible students to receive up to 150% of their scheduled Federal Pell Grant award each year. Example: If you received a full Pell Grant amount in Fall and Spring, you may qualify for Pell Grant for Summer. This is known as Year-Round Pell.

Year-Round Pell Eligibility

To be eligible you must:

- Apply and complete Financial Aid File for award year
- Be Pell Grant eligible
- Be registered at least 6 credit hours
- Be meeting Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Have lifetime Pell Grant eligibility available

To review your Lifetime Pell Grant eligibility, please fill out a Financial Aid Assistance Request form at:

https://www.laredo.edu/cms/LCC/Student_Services/Financial_Aid_Center/Financial_Aid_Form/

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is an additional grant available to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need and gives priority to students who receive Federal Pell Grants and whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is a zero. The grant may not exceed \$1,500.

Requirements

To receive a Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), a student must:

- Demonstrate exceptional need and
- must be enrolled in at least 6 eligible hours during the Fall/Spring semester and 3 eligible hours during the summer session,

- must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that will determine how much financial need students have.
- Students who will receive Federal Pell Grant and have the most financial need may receive the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) first. The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant does not need to be repaid.

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program is administered directly by the financial aid office and is therefore called "campus-based" aid. Students should check with the Student Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs Services Center to see if students qualify for these funds.

On-Campus Texas Public Education Grant

The On-Campus Texas Public Educational Grant (OCTPEG) is a grant that was established by the Texas Legislature to help students with financial need the ability to attend public community colleges, public technical colleges, or public state colleges in Texas. The OCTPEG does not have to be repaid like student loans.

The On-Campus Texas Public Education Grant (OCTPEG) provides awards to students to pay for educational expenses. The student must show financial need and;

- be enrolled at least half-time basis (six hours).
- Non-citizen students living in the state of Texas qualify who have earned a High Schools Diploma from the State of Texas or GED.
- Non-citizens students must apply using the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).

Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)

Program Purpose:

To provide grant aid to financially needy students enrolled in Texas public two-year colleges.

Eligibility Requirements Initial Eligibility (First Year):

First time recipient must:

- Be registered with Selective Service, or be exempt.
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be classified by the institution as a Texas resident.
- Have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.
- Not be concurrently receiving a renewal TEXAS Grant; and
- Be enrolled at least half-time and awarded in the first 30 hours (or its equivalent) of an associate degree or certificate program (excluding credits for dual enrollment or by examination).

To receive a renewal award through the TEOG Program, a student must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time as a student who previously received a TEOG award and has not yet been granted an associate degree or baccalaureate degree.
- Be classified by the institution as a Texas resident.
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.
- Not be concurrently receiving a renewal TEXAS Grant; and
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress: 2.5 Cumulative GPA / 75% successful completion of attempted hours.

Note: Awards are based on availability of funds and the financial aid office at each college and university determines eligibility.

Application Process:

- Student applies when completing and submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or when completing and submitting a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). For more information visit: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com>

**Texas Application for State Financial Aid - TASFA
Residency Status & Undocumented Students**

Senate Bill 1528 - TASFA

Laredo College Financial Aid Centers are dedicated to assist all students reach their educational goals by providing state aid for those that qualify. Senate Bill 1528, is a state law that permits students that are not US citizens nor permanent residents to be classified as Texas residents for admissions and financial aid purposes, thus making them eligible for state aid.

State funds are limited, students are encouraged to apply as soon as the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) is available. Students that are classified as a Texas Resident who cannot apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).

For more information please visit <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/> Undocumented students may qualify for State aid by meeting the requirements below:

Eligibility Requirements

Students who fall under Senate Bill 1528 are declaring themselves residents of the State of Texas, therefore making them eligible for State Aid. Here are the requirements that must be satisfied:

- Must have lived in Texas at least 3 years before receiving their High School (in Texas) diploma or GED
- Must have lived in Texas at least 3 years before enrolling in a public college/university (in Texas)
- Must fill out an affidavit with the Office of Admissions & Records declaring that he/she will apply for residency as soon as able to do so