



# Third-Term OCOG Guidance

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# Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOOG)

The Ohio Department of Higher Education administers the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOOG) program, which provides grant money to Ohio residents who demonstrate the highest levels of financial need (as determined by the results of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) that should be completed).

The initial FAFSA must be submitted by October 1 of each year.

# General OCOG Eligibility Requirements

- Ohio residents in an associate's degree, first bachelor's degree, or nurse diploma program at an eligible Ohio institution
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of 2190 or less and a maximum household income of \$96,000
- Students are limited to 10 semesters or 15 quarters of state, need-based grant aid (including combination of OCOG and OIG)

# Third-Term OCOG

- For students attending year-round at a public community college, regional campus, or an institution with an adjusted award amount, statute maintains that an OCOG award may be distributed for the **third-term** of the academic year, **once Pell grants have been exhausted for that year.**
- Students eligible under the dual enrollment, foster youth, or veteran provisions may receive OCOG for all terms in the academic year and are not restricted to receiving OCOG for just the third-term. See guidance memo FA21-001 for these exceptions.
- *Note that with the implementation of year-round Pell grants, an institution may find less students that would qualify for third-term OCOG.*

# How To Award Third-Term OCOG

# 20-21 Full-Time Award Chart for Third-Term

| <b>*Based upon full-time (FT) enrollment status</b>   |  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>Institution</b>   | <b>1st term*</b> | <b>2nd term*</b> | <b>3rd Term*</b> |
| <b>Public</b>   | Community Colleges   | \$0              | \$0              | \$1,000          |
|   | Regional Campuses  | \$0              | \$0              | \$1,000          |
|   | Central State University Continuing Students                 | \$128            | \$128            | \$1,000          |
|   | Central State University Tuition Guarantee Cohort 1 Students | \$328            | \$328            | \$1,000          |
|   | Shawnee State University Continuing Students**               | \$746            | \$746            | \$1,000          |
| <i>** Shawnee State's tuition guarantee cohorts 1 and 2 are eligible for the full public award amounts each term.</i> |  |                  |                  |                  |
|   |  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Private, Non-Profit</b>  | Allegheny Wesleyan   | \$228            | \$228            | \$1,750          |
|   | God's Bible College  | \$402            | \$402            | \$1,750          |
|   | Grace College & Seminary                                     | \$944            | \$944            | \$1,750          |
|   | Trinity School of Nursing                                    | \$1,512          | \$1,512          | \$1,750          |
|   | Valor Christian College                                      | \$212            | \$212            | \$1,750          |
|   | Western Governor's University                                | \$198            | \$198            | \$1,750          |

# 20-21 Three-Quarter-Time Award Chart for Third-Term

| <b>*Based upon three-quarter-time (TT) enrollment status</b>  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>Institution</b>   | <b>1st term*</b> | <b>2nd term*</b> | <b>3rd Term*</b> |
| <b>Public</b>   | Community Colleges   | \$0              | \$0              | \$750            |
|   | Regional Campuses  | \$0              | \$0              | \$750            |
|   | Central State University Continuing Students                 | \$96.00          | \$96.00          | \$750            |
|   | Central State University Tuition Guarantee Cohort 1 Students | \$246.00         | \$246.00         | \$750            |
|   | Shawnee State University Continuing Students**               | \$559.50         | \$559.50         | \$750            |
| <i>** Shawnee State's tuition guarantee cohorts 1 and 2 are eligible for the full public award amounts each term.</i> |  |                  |                  |                  |
|   |  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Private, Non-Profit</b>  | Allegheny Wesleyan   | \$171.00         | \$171.00         | \$1,312.50       |
|   | God's Bible College  | \$301.50         | \$301.50         | \$1,312.50       |
|   | Grace College & Seminary                                     | \$708.00         | \$708.00         | \$1,312.50       |
|   | Trinity School of Nursing                                    | \$1,134          | \$1,134.00       | \$1,312.50       |
|   | Valor Christian College                                      | \$159            | \$159.00         | \$1,312.50       |
|   | Western Governor's University                                | \$148.50         | \$148.50         | \$1,312.50       |

# 20-21 Half-Time Award Chart for Third-Term

| <b>*Based upon half-time (HT) enrollment status</b>   |  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>Institution</b>   | <b>1st term*</b> | <b>2nd term*</b> | <b>3rd Term*</b> |
| <b>Public</b>   | Community Colleges   | \$0              | \$0              | \$500            |
|   | Regional Campuses  | \$0              | \$0              | \$500            |
|   | Central State University Continuing Students                 | \$64             | \$64             | \$500            |
|   | Central State University Tuition Guarantee Cohort 1 Students | \$164            | \$164            | \$500            |
|   | Shawnee State University Continuing Students**               | \$373            | \$373            | \$500            |
| <i>** Shawnee State's tuition guarantee cohorts 1 and 2 are eligible for the full public award amounts each term.</i> |  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Private, Non-Profit</b>  | Allegheny Wesleyan   | \$114            | \$114            | \$875            |
|   | God's Bible College  | \$201            | \$201            | \$875            |
|   | Grace College & Seminary                                     | \$472            | \$472            | \$875            |
|   | Trinity School of Nursing                                    | \$756            | \$756            | \$875            |
|   | Valor Christian College                                      | \$106            | \$106            | \$875            |
|   | Western Governor's University                                | \$99             | \$99             | \$875            |



# 20-21 Quarter-Time Award Chart for Third-Term

| <b>*Based upon quarter-time (QT) enrollment status</b>  |  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>Institution</b>   | <b>1st term*</b> | <b>2nd term*</b> | <b>3rd Term*</b> |
| <b>Public</b>   | Community Colleges   | \$0              | \$0              | \$250            |
|   | Regional Campuses  | \$0              | \$0              | \$250            |
|   | Central State University Continuing Students                 | \$32.00          | \$32.00          | \$250            |
|   | Central State University Tuition Guarantee Cohort 1 Students | \$82.00          | \$82.00          | \$250            |
|   | Shawnee State University Continuing Students **              | \$186.50         | \$186.50         | \$250            |
| <i>** Shawnee State's tuition guarantee cohorts 1 and 2 are eligible for the full public award amounts each term.</i> |  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Private, Non-Profit</b>  | Allegheny Wesleyan   | \$57.00          | \$57.00          | \$437.50         |
|   | God's Bible College  | \$100.50         | \$100.50         | \$437.50         |
|   | Grace College & Seminary                                     | \$236.00         | \$236.00         | \$437.50         |
|   | Trinity School of Nursing                                    | \$378            | \$378.00         | \$437.50         |
|   | Valor Christian College                                      | \$53             | \$53.00          | \$437.50         |
|   | Western Governor's University                                | \$49.50          | \$49.50          | \$437.50         |

# Header Institutions (SM, AU, SP) *Community Colleges and Regionals Only*

- Account statement should read Pell (SM term), Pell (AU term), and OCOG (SP term) for the AY
- Students would not receive OCOG in the SM or AU terms
- Third-term award amount is based on enrollment level and would be up to: \$1,000 (FT), \$750 (TT), \$500 (HT), or \$250 (QT)
- OCOG is tuition and general fees specific, therefore the OCOG award amount would be up to the charge for the term
- OCOG funds are requested in the SP21 term window on HEI
- If the student is not enrolled all three terms, unless they're a transfer student, they would not be eligible for third-term OCOG
- If the student did not receive Pell in both the SM and AU terms, they would not be eligible for third-term OCOG
- If the student receives full-time Pell for SM and AU and therefore has exhausted their Pell eligibility for the year, they would be eligible for OCOG in the SP term at the applicable enrollment level

# Header Institutions (SM, AU, SP) cont. *Community Colleges and Regionals Only*

- If the student receives less than full-time for either SM or AU; they would be eligible for partial OCOG in the SP term. The OCOG amount would be based on the actual enrollment level minus the remaining Pell eligibility level.
  - Ex. student is half-time in SM, full-time in AU. If in SP student is enrolled full-time but has only half-time remaining for Pell, then they would be eligible for half-time OCOG (\$500) for the SP term (FT-HT=HT). If same student is enrolled three-quarters-time for the SP term then they would be eligible for quarter-time OCOG (\$250) for the SP term (TT-HT=QT).
  - Ex. student is half-time in SM, three-quarters time in AU. If in SP student is enrolled full-time and has three-quarters remaining for Pell, then they would be eligible for quarter-time OCOG (\$250) for the SP term (FT-TT=QT).
    - If same student is enrolled less than full-time for the SP term, they would NOT be eligible for OCOG (TT-TT= No OCOG).
  - Ex. student is half-time in SM, half-time in AU. If in SP they have a FT remaining for Pell, they would NOT be eligible for OCOG.

# Header Institutions (SM, AU, SP) cont. *Community Colleges and Regionals Only*

For students close to their Pell LEU in the SP term; the OCOG amount would be based on their remaining Pell eligibility level. *If student reached their LEU prior to the AU term, they would not be eligible for third-term OCOG.*

- Ex. student is half-time in SM, full-time in AU. If in SP they only have 10% remaining of their LEU, they could receive 90% of their OCOG award.
  - If SP enrollment level is full-time, the OCOG award amount would be \$900 ( $\$1,000 \times 90\%$ )
- Ex. student is half-time in SM (25% Pell), full-time in AU but was only able to be paid 25% Pell in AU because the student only had 50% Pell LEU remaining when the aid year started.
  - Student had used a lifetime of 600% of Pell in the first two terms, so there is 0% Pell remaining for the spring term. Student is eligible for 100% OCOG for the SP term and award amount would be based on their actual enrollment level.

# Trailer Institutions (AU, SP, SM) Community Colleges and Regionals Only

- Account statement should read Pell (AU term), Pell (SP term), OCOG (SM term) for the AY
- If the student did not receive Pell in both the AU and SP terms, they would not be eligible for third-term OCOG
- Third-term award amount is based on enrollment level and would be up to: \$1,000 (FT), \$750 (TT), \$500 (HT), or \$250 (QT)
- OCOG is tuition and general fees specific, so the OCOG award amount would be up to the charge for the term
- OCOG will be requested after the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of Pell is received (Do not request OCOG prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> term disbursement of Pell)
- School requests their SM (third-term) under the SP term window in HEI; Ex, SM21 will be requested under SP21
- Institutions will have until August to request for OCOG under the SP window in HEI, which may require an extension request
- If the student is not enrolled all three terms, unless they're a transfer student, they would not be eligible for third-term OCOG

# Trailer Institutions (AU, SP, SM) cont. Community Colleges and Regionals Only

- If the student receives less than full-time for either AU or SP; they would be eligible for partial OCOG in the SM term. The OCOG amount would be based on the actual enrollment level minus the remaining Pell eligibility level.
  - Ex. student is half-time in AU, full-time in SP. If in SM student is enrolled full-time but has only half-time remaining for Pell, then they would be eligible for half-time OCOG (\$500) for the SP term (FT-HT=HT). If same student is enrolled three-quarters-time for the SP term then they would be eligible for quarter-time OCOG (\$250) for the SP term (TT-HT=QT) for the SM term (TT-HT=QT). *\*Funds are requested under the SP21 window in HEI*
  - Ex. student is half-time in AU, three-quarters time in SP. If in SM student is enrolled full-time and has three-quarters remaining for Pell, then they would be eligible for quarter-time OCOG (\$250) for the SM term (FT-TT=QT). *\*Funds are requested under the SP21 window in HEI*
    - If same student is enrolled less than full-time for the SM term, they would NOT be eligible for OCOG (TT-TT= No OCOG).
  - Ex. student is half-time in AU, half-time in SP. If in SM they have a FT remaining for Pell, they would NOT be eligible for OCOG.

# Trailer Institutions (AU, SP, SM) cont. Community Colleges and Regionals Only

For students close to their LEU in the SM term; the OCOG amount would be based on their remaining Pell eligibility level. *If student reached their LEU prior to the SP term, they would not be eligible for third-term OCOG.*

- Ex. student is half-time in AU, full-time in SP. If in SM they only have 10% remaining of their LEU, they could receive 90% of their OCOG award.
  - If SM enrollment level is full-time, the award amount would be \$900 (\$1,000\*90%)
- Ex. student is half-time in AU (25% Pell), full-time in SP but was only able to be paid 25% Pell in SP because the student only had 50% Pell LEU remaining when the aid year started.
  - Student had used a lifetime of 600% of Pell in the first two terms, so there is 0% Pell remaining for the spring term. Student is eligible for 100% OCOG for the SM term and award amount would be based on their actual enrollment level.

# Institutions With An Adjusted Award Amount

- Outside of community colleges and regional campuses, other institutions may not be eligible for the full OCOG term award amount for the first two terms of the academic year due to the Pell-first concept.
- These institutions include **Allegheny Wesleyan, Central State University, God's Bible College, Grace College and Seminary, Shawnee State University, Trinity School of Nursing, Valor Christian College, and Western Governor's University.**
- For these institutions, a student would receive the adjusted term award amount for the first two terms (*see award chart*).
- For the third term, a student would be eligible for up to the full sector award amount (*see award chart*).



# Transfer Students

If a student was not enrolled at your institution the entire academic year but are attending your institution for the third-term, they may be eligible for third-term OCOG, assuming all other eligibility criteria is met.

The student still must have exhausted Pell after the second term or have a partial Pell remaining in order to qualify. Verification of this can be found on COD or NSLDS. In keeping with federal guidelines, the institution must keep this documentation in the event of an audit.

# To Summarize:

- All institutions (headers and trailers) will request under the SP term window in HEI. For audit purposes, we're looking for two-terms of a Pell at a minimum and one-term of OCOG at a maximum.
- If student has partial eligibility remaining for Pell in the third-term, the remaining Pell needs to be applied first and the remaining would be their OCOG eligibility. The award amount would be based on the enrollment level minus their remaining Pell eligibility level.
- Pell does pay first. So if you have a student that has partial remaining eligibility in the third-term but Pell fully covers their tuition and fees, they would NOT be eligible to receive OCOG. With the implementation of year-round Pell grants, an institution may find less students that would qualify for third-term OCOG.
- OCOG is tuition/general fees specific and any other tuition/general fees-specific aid must be applied prior to the OCOG award. Tuition/general fees minus tuition/general fees-specific aid equals OCOG eligibility (up to the respective maximum term award).



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