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***New* Third-term OCOG at Community Colleges, Regional Branch Campuses, and other qualifying institutions**

For students attending year-round at a public community college, regional branch campus, or an institution with an adjusted award amount, statute now states that an OCOG award may be distributed for the third-term of the academic year, once Pell grants have been exhausted for that year. This exception is **only** for students that are Pell eligible. All other OCOG eligibility requirements remain. Below are instructions based on the institutions academic calendar:

Header Institutions (SM, AU, SP)

- Account statement should read Pell (SM term), Pell (AU term), and OCOG (SP term)
- Students would not receive OCOG in the SM or AU terms.
- OCOG funds are requested in the SP term window on HEI.
- If the student is not enrolled all three terms, they would not be OCOG eligible.
- 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.
- 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 enrollment level** minus the remaining Pell eligibility level.
 - Ex. student is half-time in SM, full-time in AU. If in SP they have a HT remaining for Pell, then they would be eligible for HT OCOG for the SP term.
 - Ex. student is half-time in SM, three-quarters time in AU. If in SP they have a three-quarters remaining for Pell, then they would be eligible for QT OCOG for the SP term.

Trailer Institutions (AU, SP, SM)

- Account statement should read Pell (AU term), OCOG (SP term), Pell (SM term) for the AY
- OCOG will be requested after the 2nd term of Pell is received (Do not request OCOG until all Pell has been exhausted for AY)
- School requests their SM (third term) under the SP term window in HEI; Ex, SM16 will be requested under SP16
- Institutions will have until August to request for OCOG under the SP window in HEI.
- May require an extension request
- If student is not enrolled all three terms, would not be OCOG eligible.
- Student receives full-time Pell for AU and SP; would be eligible for full-time OCOG.
- Student receives less than full-time for either AU or SP; would be eligible for partial OCOG. OCOG amount would be based on **the enrollment level** minus their remaining Pell eligibility level.
 - Ex. student is half-time in AU, full-time in SP. SM they have a HT remaining for Pell, would be eligible for HT OCOG. (However requested under the SP window in HEI)
 - Ex. student is half-time in AU, three-quarters time in SP. SM they have three-quarters for Pell, would be eligible for QT OCOG. (However requested under the SP window in HEI)

All institutions (headers and trailers) will request under the SP term window. For audit purposes, we're looking for two-terms of a Pell at a minimum (unless prorated) and one-term of OCOG at a maximum.

Award Chart

**2015-2016 Award Table
Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) Program**

Ohio residents in a degree (associate/first bachelors) or nurse diploma program with an EFC of 2190 or less and a maximum household income of \$75,000:

OCOG 2015-2016		Enrollment Status			
		Full-time	3/4 Time	1/2 Time	1/4 Time
PUBLIC	Community Colleges*	0	0	0	0
	Regional Campuses*	0	0	0	0
	Central State**	600	450	300	150
	All Other Main Campuses	1296	972	648	324
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	Allegheny Wesleyan**	1024	768	512	256
	God's Bible College**	1264	948	632	316
	Trinity School of Nursing**	1704	1278	852	426
	All Other Private, Non-Profit	2592	1944	1296	648
OTHER	Private, For-Profit	888	666	444	222
	Pennsylvania Institutions***	600 or 800	300 or 400	300 or 400	0

► All amounts reflect annual awards in \$. Appropriate annual award amount should be divided by two for semesters or three for quarters.

► Eligible students continuously enrolled may receive an additional 1/2 or 1/3 of their respective award amount in their third semester or fourth quarter.

► Students are limited to 10 semesters or 15 quarters of state, need-based grant aid (including combination of OCOG and OIG).

* Students at community colleges and university regional branch campuses are not excluded from the Ohio College Opportunity Grant program. However, tuition level/costs are the determining factor in receipt of an OCOG award, regardless of technical eligibility. Therefore students in this sector have a \$0 OCOG award amount unless the student attends an eligible institution year-round. In this case only, an award up to the public award amount may be distributed for one term in the academic year once Pell grants have been exhausted for the academic year.

*Eligible foster youth at community colleges may qualify for OCOG using main campus maximum award amounts.

** Tuition level/costs are the determining factors in receipt of an OCOG award and therefore students at these institutions have an adjusted OCOG award amount. If the student attends year-round, they may be eligible for an award up to the public or private, non-profit award amount once Pell grants have been exhausted for the academic year.

***Amounts for Ohio residents attending eligible Pennsylvania institutions-- \$600/\$300 figures apply to non-veterans and \$800/\$400 figures apply to veterans.

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