



Summer Awarding Policy

I. Policy Statement

The ULM Financial Aid Office awards summer aid to students who have completed a current award year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), are enrolled for summer and meet all financial aid eligibility criteria. An additional application is not required; as long as the student is registered for classes the student will be reviewed for awarding. The award review process will begin approximately two weeks after the initial registration period begins to ensure the student is enrolled in the correct number of hours.

II. Purpose of Policy

Federal Awards are made to students who have remaining eligibility from the current award year in the following Federal Programs: Pell Grant, Direct Subsidized Loan (SSUB), Direct Unsubsidized Loan (SUNSB) and Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (SPLUS) and Graduate PLUS Loans (SGPLS). Pell Grant will be automatically awarded based on it being an entitlement. Students who have not previously accepted federal loans within the academic year or have a zero aggregate limit loan amount, will have to request loans via email, telephone or in person.

III. Applicability

This policy applies to any individual attending ULM as their primary institution and attempting to obtain federal financial aid for the summer term.

Summer Awards from the Pell Grant program will be made based on the 150% Pell Grant eligibility rules. Awards will be made based on summer acting as trailer of the current award year.

- a) If the student was paid a full-time Federal Pell Grant (100% of scheduled award) for the current award year and the student is enrolled in 6 hours for any combination of sessions within the summer term, the student will be able to receive up to an additional 50% of the 150% maximum award for the summer term. The ULM Financial Aid Office will utilize the student's current award year Pell Scheduled Award to determine eligibility for the additional 50% Pell Award for the summer term. If the student received Pell at a less than full time (LTFT) status in the Fall/Spring (FS) award period, the student may be eligible for a PELL award for the summer term at less than 6 hours based on the Pell Scheduled Award table.
- b) FWS and SEOG funds are only awarded to students, in the full summer term or 1st summer term, if funds are available from the current FY allocation. Funds must be disbursed before July 1. FWS has to be initiated by ULM Career Services.
- c) The disbursement of Federal Direct loans and Federal Direct PLUS Loans for summer will occur in one disbursement based on how the student is enrolling for 6 hours in any combination of sessions within the summer term. If the student is only enrolled for 3 hours at the beginning of the first summer session but will enroll for 6 hours within the entire summer term the entire disbursement will occur at the beginning of the 2nd summer term. If the student fails to enroll for the remaining sessions or withdraws from the first session, the entire loan will be cancelled and the student will be responsible for any charges owed to the institution.

V. Policy Procedure

- a) Students will begin the registration process in March or April.
- b) The summer Cost of Attendance (COA) is estimated based on the previous years tuition and fee amounts and the current housing amounts as listed on the ULM webpage. This is so we are able to award students immediately after they begin enrolling for the summer term.
- c) To identify students who are ready to be awarded, the FAO will extract enrollment and eligibility data from the Banner Student module utilizing the enrollment load program (RSRENRL) and load the hours to the Banner Financial Aid (FA) module on the ROAENRL form, this will be done on a weekly basis.
- d) A pop cell (Summer Population Calc) will be utilized to calculate the student's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) status for summer utilizing ROPSAPR program in Banner FA at the end of the spring term. This process will update the student's SAP status for the 20XX80 term in Banner FA form ROASTAT-Eligibility tab. For initial awarding of current students, the 20xx60 term will be utilized to determine SAP eligibility until spring grades are available for review. SAP will be calculated for new students entering for the 20xx80 term. Once SAP has been calculated for the summer **at that time any student that is deemed to be bad SAP, will have the summer award cancelled.**
- e) Once the hour load process has occurred, the FAO will run a manual pop cell (Summer Population Aid Year Duration) Fall/Spring/Summer FSS or Spring/Summer SPS on GLBDATA within Banner FA to identify enrolled students and then change the Aid Year on the Budget screen for these students to reflect summer. The batch post process on Banner FA form RORPOST will be utilized to perform this process. This will allow for the calculation of the student's summer Cost of Attendance (COA). This will also repopulate the student budget duration utilized to calculate the student's EFC #.
- f) The batch post process on RORPOST and the RNPFX program will be utilized to perform this process. This will allow for the calculation of the student's expected family contribution (EFC) value for summer. **The summer EFC calculation only affects whether or not the student has SUB eligibility for summer.** The calculation of the summer EFC will be (Combined duration EFC which is the 12 month aka FASPSUM– 3 mon duration EFC = Summer EFC. Summer Need = Summer COA – Summer EFC. If prior EFC exceeds prior COA, the difference must be added to current EFC to determine correct summer EFC. The EFC for a Summer only student will be the 3 month EFC. For a student that is SPRSUM the calculation will be 8 month – the 3 month summer. The EFC for a SUMMER only is the 3 month.)

VI. Enforcement

In some cases you may discover that a student has been guilty of fraud and should be reported. The law doesn't allow you to modify either the formula or the tables used in the EFC calculation. If you suspect that a student, employee, or other individual has misreported information or altered documentation to fraudulently obtain federal funds, you should report your suspicions and provide any evidence to the Office of Inspector General. The method of reporting is included in the Office of Financial Aid Handbook

VII. Policy Management

The Director of Financial aid along with the support staff are responsible for implementing and administering the rules within this policy.

VIII. Exclusions

An institution holds the right to not award summer financial aid.

IX. Effective Date

3/20/2024

X. Adoption

This policy is hereby adopted on this 20th day of March 2024.

XI. Appendices, References and Related Materials

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