

Pell Grant Payment Policy

To determine accurate enrollment status for the purpose of disbursing Pell, SOWELA confirms student attendance through a Show/No Show reporting just prior to the college census date. Students reported for No Show are dropped from the class and thus this class is not included in the credit hours for Pell calculation purposes. At the end of the census date, enrollment hours are frozen and Pell is calculated based on these credit hours (14th class date for Fall and Spring, 7th class date for Summer).

With regards to Pell calculation dates, SOWELA will have two separate cohorts of students. It is possible for students to belong to both Cohort 1 and Cohort 2.

Cohort 1

This group of students consists of those who enroll in and attend one or more classes with a start date prior to the census date. Cohort 1 students' Pell calculation date is the school census date (14th class date Fall or Spring, 7th class date Summer).

Cohort 2

This group consists of students who enroll in and attend one or more classes with a start date after the school's census date. Cohort 2 students' Pell calculation date takes place after the Show/No show purge is complete for the 7B part of term. Cohort 2 students who were also Cohort 1 students will have their Pell recalculated on this date. The Pell payments that these students ultimately receive will be based on their current enrollment as of this date. This could result in increases, decreases, or no change to Pell awards that were received as a Pell cohort 1 student.

Note- SOWELA will monitor that students begin attendance in all courses for which they are paid Pell. If it is determined that a student did not begin attendance in a course, Pell will be recalculated. In addition, if the student ceases attendance in the semester, a Return of Title IV Funds calculation will be performed to determine the portion of funds that were earned. (see Treatment of Title IV Funds policy for further explanation)