



Guidelines for Summer Financial Aid

Students register for summer classes, then submit the Summer Financial Aid Application to the Financial Aid Office. Summer aid is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please submit your applications as soon as possible after registration.

Students may be eligible for summer aid on *less than half time* (5 and under hours), *half time* (6, 7 and 8 hours), *3/4 time* (9, 10 and 11 hours) and *full time* (12 or more hours) credit hours.

Summer Pell Grant funds may also be available if the student was Pell eligible during the 20-21 academic year. If the student was full-time both fall and spring semesters of 20-21, then the student must be enrolled at least **6 hours** in the summer for Pell Grant funds to apply.

Students must be enrolled at least **6 hours** (half-time) to be considered for **LOANS**.

Any combination of hours may be taken during all summer terms (example: 3 hours during the first 5-week term and 4 hours during the second 5-week term and 3 hours during the 10-week term = 10 hours for summer = 3/4 time).

Hours *can* be taken for one term only (example 3 hours during the second 5-week term).

ALL hours taken (up to 12 hours) MUST apply towards the degree, or financial aid cannot disburse.

Because summer financial aid is based on the specific number of enrolled hours, **students must notify the Financial Aid Office of any adjustments to their enrollment status.**

E-mails from the Financial Aid Office will be sent to GSC e-mail accounts if questions arise during the awarding process for summer.

It is the intent of the Financial Aid Office to send award letters for summer in time to allow students to adjust or cancel their hours if they do not receive enough financial aid to cover classes and/or other expenses for summer.

---Notification that awards have been processed will be sent to GSC e-mail addresses

---Financial Aid Award Notification Letters will be mailed to the permanent address on file

IMPORTANT

No aid for summer will pay to student accounts until attendance is confirmed for **ALL** classes for that term.

Students should be prepared to purchase books on their own, *without* financial aid, at the beginning of the term. There can be no charging of books at the bookstore for summer and **no credit checks until attendance is verified** in **all** classes in that term.

To comply with US Department of Education regulations, ***all student loans processed for only one term will have two disbursement dates within that term (one at the beginning and one halfway through the term).*** First time borrowers enrolling and receiving student loans in the summer are also ***subject to a 30-day first disbursement delay.***

*Rules for awarding/receiving Financial Aid for summer school are subject to change.