



## 2020-21 Summer Financial Aid FAQ

### Overview

The undergraduate and graduate colleges have three summer sessions: two five-week sessions (Summer 1 and Summer 2), and one ten week session. The College of Law has one eight week session.

If you wish to be considered for summer financial aid you must complete the online summer application process in Campus Connect, which is available mid-April. The application will be found in Campus Connect > Financial Aid tile > Summer Financial Aid.

Summer financial aid availability:

- Is generally available only to DePaul degree-seeking students or DePaul graduate students enrolled in an aid-eligible non-degree graduate program. Visiting students are generally not eligible for financial aid.
- Is limited. Students will be considered for all available federal and limited institutional aid during the packaging process.

Corporate discounts, Double Demon, and graduate academic scholarships designated as year-round are available for summer.

### Federal Pell Grant

#### (applies only to undergraduates with Pell Grant eligibility)

For Pell Grant eligible students, we have a financial aid census date. Pell Grant eligibility, including the amount of Pell Grant, is based on your enrollment on that date. For summer 2020-21, the financial aid census date is June 25, 2021. If a Pell Grant-eligible student registers for or adds a summer course **after June 25**, that course will not be considered part of enrollment when calculating Pell Grant eligibility for summer, even if it does not begin until after June 25.

If you anticipate receiving Pell for summer, you should finalize your summer enrollment by **June 25** so all courses are counted toward enrollment and you receive the highest amount of Pell funding possible. Information about the summer census date is in the summer application, and we will email you directly if you appear to have Pell Grant eligibility for summer.

## Summer Financial Aid Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Why do I have to indicate the number of credit hours enrolled for summer on the application?**

Your financial aid eligibility depends upon the number of courses in which you enroll. To be able to give you an estimated financial aid package, we need your best estimate of the number of credit hours (not courses!) you'll be taking for summer. Your financial aid package can change if the credit hours you actually enroll for in summer differ from what you entered on your application. If you will not be enrolling in one of the summer sessions, enter 0 for the term(s) you will **not** be attending courses. Otherwise you will be unable to submit the form.

**2. Will I receive an acknowledgment after I complete the summer application?**

Yes. An email acknowledgment will be sent upon completion of the summer application.

**3. When do summer financial aid notifications go out?**

Summer financial aid notifications will be emailed late April - early May, or later if you either complete the FAFSA or complete DePaul's summer aid application later.

**4. Why does my financial aid package show a full-time Pell Grant award, but it disbursed less than was listed?**

DePaul awards students federal Pell Grant funding at full-time levels. However, if you are enrolled less than full-time (12 credit hours), the grant award will reduce based on the number of credits in which you are enrolled.

**5. In general, how many credits of enrollment do I need to be eligible for summer aid?**

Academic level in summer	Minimum hours to be considered at least half-time
<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>6 credit hours</b> , consisting of any combination of five- or ten-week courses.
<b>Graduate</b>	<b>4 credit hours</b> , consisting of any combination of five- or ten-week courses.
<b>College of Law (JD, LLM, MJ)</b>	<b>3 semester hours</b>

**6. How is my cost of attendance determined for the summer?**

Summer cost of attendance is based on your projected or actual enrollment in the summer session(s). For example, if you are enrolled in a five-week summer session, your cost of attendance will be calculated for five weeks.

**7. What are the disbursement dates for the Summer Quarter?**

It depends upon the summer session(s) in which you're enrolled. You'll find the anticipated disbursement date, based upon your summer enrollment, in Campus Connect. If you enroll entirely in second five-week courses, your disbursement will be delayed until the second five-week courses begin.

**8. What do I do if my parent wants to apply for a Direct Parent PLUS Loan for the remaining unmet cost for summer?**

They can request a Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan by visiting [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and applying for a new PLUS loan for the loan period of June through August.

**9. I'm a graduate or law student with unmet costs for the summer. How do I apply for a Direct Grad PLUS Loan?**

You can request a Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan by clicking the "Summer Grad PLUS Online Application" button at the bottom of the Award Acceptance Panel in Campus Connect. The link will only be available if you have been packaged for summer and have not changed career from undergraduate to graduate. Reducing your enrollment credit hours may result in reduced loan eligibility.

**10. I received Veterans Educational Benefits during the academic year—will they be available during the summer?**

If you received a living stipend through the VA educational benefit program you must pay special attention to the term dates of your summer courses. In order to receive a living stipend for the full ten-week summer term, you must be enrolled in a sufficient number of credit hours that span the **entire** term.

**11. As an undergraduate student, what if I only want to enroll in one course? Can I get aid for that?**

Generally, no. To qualify for most forms of aid, you need to enroll in at least 6 credit hours during the summer session. Students who we anticipate are eligible for a federal Pell Grant will be contacted by our office.

**12. I was not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in spring term; will my disbursement be delayed?**

We need to calculate your new SAP status to determine your aid eligibility. Because there is a short turnaround time between spring and summer terms during which we obtain your grade information and calculate your status, your aid will be delayed.