



GO Grant Packaging Policy

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Office of Student Financial Aid
Policy and Procedural Manual

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The purpose of this program is to provide a need-based component to the state's financial aid plan to support nontraditional and low to moderate-income students who need additional aid to afford the cost of attending college.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a **Louisiana Go Grant**, a student must:

- Be a Louisiana **Resident**;
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Receive a federal Pell Grant;
- Have remaining financial need after deducting Student Aid Index (SAI) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid ("gift aid") from student's Cost of Attendance (COA);
- Be a student enrolled in an eligible Louisiana institution on at least a half-time basis (minimum 6 hours).

Campus Allocations

Annual allocation of funds to eligible participating institutions are based on the annual legislative appropriation and will be proportionate to the institutions' prior year Go Grant expenditures.

Award Amounts

Award amounts to eligible students are based on the institution's allocation and their packaging policy. Awards may vary with each academic year. Awards will not be paid for summer sessions.

Maximum and minimum annual award amounts:

Minimum Annual Award \$1,500

Maximum Annual Award \$3,000

Award Calculations

Delgado Community College make a good faith effort to distribute their GO Grant allocations in a manner that reaches students with the most financial need.

Example:

\$17,500 COA

-\$1,500 SAI

\$16,000 Financial Need

Examples of gift aid and need-based aid include Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, TOPS, TOPS stipends and institutional scholarships.

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- The Louisiana Go Grant is awarded to students who meet the Go Grant eligibility requirements. Due to the limited amount of funding received for the GO Grant program, students may receive a maximum award up to \$3,000 per award year. The basis of a \$3,000 award year maximum ensures that the greatest number of students are awarded. Enrollment level is determined as of the census day of term. Availability of Go Grant is subject to funding by the State of Louisiana. Go Grant is not available for the summer semester unless the state allocates excess funds.
- Priority for students who are 25 or over. This is established as part of the algorithm in our current system packaging process.
- Transfer student's eligibility will be determined the same as a first time and continuing student.
- Delgado Community College packaged an annual award of \$3,000.00 per student who are enrolled in 6 or more credits (i.e. half-time and full-time) **Note:** students that are enrolled in less than 6 credit hours are **not** eligible for the Go Grant award.
- Delgado Community College will be utilizing the current active ISIR transaction at the time of awarding Go Grant in the Student Information System.
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Renewal Requirements

- Must file a FAFSA or the Renewal Application at least annually;
- Continue to receive a Federal Pell Grant;
- Have remaining financial need after deducting Student Aid Index (SAI) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid ("gift aid") from student's Cost of Attendance (COA);
- The Award can be renewed for subsequent years to a maximum lifetime award that correlates to that of the Federal Pell Grant (a student is not guaranteed to receive award in subsequent years).

Over Award Policy

- The Louisiana Go Grant is packaged on a need basis and sometimes the student is inadvertently awarded over need allowed due to the addition of need-based aid later on in the year. In order to find these inadvertent over awards, all GO Grant recipients are double-checked to determine if they still meet the eligibility requirements for the grant prior to billing.
- In the event the student's total aid exceeds his financial need or the cost of attendance, any federal loan aid included in the total aid package shall be reduced, then institutional and other aid in accordance with institutional practice, then the Louisiana GO Grant, then a TOPS award, if applicable, shall be reduced by the amount of any remaining over award.
- If the receipt of additional gift aid occurs during the fall semester the GO Grant award for the spring semester will be reduced. If the receipt of additional gift aid occurs during the spring semester, no reduction is required per LOSFA guidelines. The reason for the excess award will be noted on the student file. If an over award occurs during the fall semester and the GO Grant has already been billed, a refund will be processed to LOSFA to return any funds that the student was ineligible to receive.
- Go Grant eligibility is based on enrollment levels as of the 14th class day. If the student was eligible for the award on the 14th class day, no refund is due to LOSFA. Pell adjustments after the 14th class day will not impact the level of GO Grant funding. If a student withdraws from the University prior to the 14th class day and the Financial Aid office does not become aware of the withdrawal until after it has already billed for the student, then a refund will be due to LOSFA since the student did not meet the enrollment criteria to receive the grant.
- Go Grant eligibility is contingent on the student receiving a Pell Grant. If a student loses their Pell Grant eligibility for a specific semester, then they will also lose their GO Grant eligibility. For instance, if a student Never Attends all of their coursework for a given semester, then they are no longer considered Pell eligible for that semester, and therefore, is ineligible for the GO Grant. In these such cases the GO Grant will be refunded to LOSFA.

Additional information regarding the GO Grant program and common Q&A's can be found online at www.myLosfa.gov

