A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are awarded usually only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree. In some cases, however, a student enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teaching credential program may receive a Pell Grant.

**How much can I get?**

The maximum Pell Grant award for the 2013-14 award year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) is $5,645. The amount you receive, though, will depend not only on your financial need, but also on your costs to attend school, your status as a full-time or part-time student, and your plans to attend school for a full academic year or less. The maximum award amount is given to Pell Grant eligible student whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after Sept.11, 2001. You must be under 24 years old or enrolled at least part-time in college at the time of your parent's or guardian's death.

**If I am eligible, how will I get the Pell Grant money?**

When you are enrolled, CSUSM will apply Pell Grant funds to your school fee/enrollment charges. You will be able to view your award on your online student account at [https://my.csusm.edu](https://my.csusm.edu). Funds are disbursed each semester and applied to your balance.