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## Financial Aid Office Pell Lifetime Eligibility Units (1LEU/1LEUUP)

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Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicates you have reached or are very close to the maximum Pell Grant lifetime eligibility.

The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds you may receive over your lifetime is limited by federal law to the equivalent of six years. Federal Pell Grant usage is tracked using a Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) percentage. Since the standard Pell Grant award you receive each year for full-time enrollment is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600% LEU.

For example:

Award Year	Enrollment	Percent Used	LEU
1	Full-time	100%	100%
2	Full-time	100%	200%
3	Half-time	50%	250%
4	Half-time	50%	300%

After Award Year 4, this student has an LEU of 300% – this means the student has used half of his lifetime Pell Grant eligibility and has the equivalent of three years of full-time Pell Grant eligibility remaining. If the student enrolls less than full-time, that eligibility will be extended because the percentage used will be less than 100% for the year.

### **What does this mean? What should I do next?**

The Financial Aid Office recommends you review your Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) to determine how many years of eligibility you have remaining. To view your Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU), log in to “[My Federal Student Aid](#)” using your [FSA ID](#).

Additional information is available at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell/calculate-eligibility>. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Black Hawk College Financial Aid Office at [finaid@bhc.edu](mailto:finaid@bhc.edu) or 309-796-5400.