

## Federal Pell Grant Traditional (main campus) Cross-Over Transition Policy – Shorter University

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For the summer of 2010, Shorter University will consider the Summer term (May, June, July mini-terms cumulatively) to be a cross-over payment period and will pay Pell Grant out of the 2010-2011 award year. However, if a student was Pell eligible during the 2009-2010 award year we will compare the Pell grant from 09-10 to 10-11 and whichever award year provides the student with the most Pell eligibility will be the award given to the student for summer enrollment. Students must have a valid ISIR on file for the year used to determine Pell eligibility. If students use their first scheduled award in the 09-10 year and they enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours, they may be eligible for a 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled award. However, the student must be meeting academic acceleration in order to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled award. For example, Shorter defines its academic year as 24 credit hours. Students must have a least one hour beyond 24 per academic year for 09-10 to meet the academic acceleration standard.

If a student has not filed a 10-11 FAFSA by September 10, 2010 and was enrolled for summer term, it will be assumed that the 09-10 Pell Grant is the greater amount and the 10-11 Pell grant amount will not be considered for comparison when the FAFSA is filed.

For the summer terms in all subsequent years after 2010, the rules applied in summer 2010 will be applied using the correct aid years as determined by federal regulations. Students must have at least one credit hour which would go into their second year. For example, Shorter defines its year as 24 credit hours; if a student receives full time awards in fall 2010 and spring 2011, enrolls in 6 hours or more in summer, and has at least one hour to go into their next academic year, they would receive Pell for the summer payment period from the 2010-2011 or the 2011-2012 award year based on whichever will provide the largest scheduled award, providing they are otherwise eligible.

Transfer Students for 2 scheduled Pell Awards beginning 2010-2011

- Shorter University will use the assumption method to determine acceleration toward eligibility for the second Scheduled Pell Award.
- If student received 100% of the first Scheduled Pell Award at prior school(s), we will assume the student completed the first academic year.
- If student received less than 100% we will use the same ratio to Shorter University's academic year as the % of the Scheduled Award that was received from the other school(s) and round up.

For example: Assume a student completed the same ratio of the academic year as the % of Pell received. The prior school disbursed \$2,007 of \$5,350 Scheduled Award at that school.  $\$2,007 \times 24/\$5,350 = 9$  credits assumed earned at prior school. Student is given 9 credits toward completion of the first academic year.

Special Circumstances for Academic Year Completion Requirement for Second Scheduled Award may be waived if the FAA determines that student was unable to complete the hours of the first academic year due to "circumstances beyond the student's control." Circumstances beyond the student's control may include but are not limited to:

- Student withdrawing from classes due to a verifiable illness.
- Student being unable to register for classes necessary to complete his or her eligible program because classes were not offered.

Determination must be documented and made on a student by student basis. Special circumstances beyond a student's control does not include:

- Withdrawing to avoid a particular grade.
- Failing to register for necessary class that is offered during the term to avoid a particular instructor.
- Classes are full and student is unable to register.