

GO Grant Eligibility Framework for 2021-2022

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a Louisiana GO Grant, a student must:

- Be a Louisiana resident;*
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current year. The FAFSA shall be the only application for GO Grant. No other application may be required.
- Receive a Federal Pell Grant;
- Have remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) 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 at semester school or 4 hours at a quarter school)

Campus Allocations

Annual allocation of funds to eligible participating campuses will be 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, quarters or terms.

Maximum and minimum annual award amounts for the 2021-2022 Academic Year:

- Minimum Annual Award \$300
- Maximum Annual Award \$3,000

Award Calculations

Institutions are expected to make a good faith effort to distribute their GO Grant allocations in a manner that reaches students with the most financial need.

Example:

COA = \$25,000

EFC = 4,000

Need 21,000

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

Packaging Policy

Institutions must have a written packaging policy for GO Grant Awards that provides:

- Semester, quarter or term award amounts that are equal to the annual maximum amount at the institution divided by the number of semesters, quarters or terms during the academic year, excluding summer sessions, quarter and terms;
- Bases for any institutionally set maximum award amount that is less than the authorized maximum established in the framework;
- Priority for students who are 25 or over;
- Award amounts for less than full-time students;
- Procedures for identification of transfer and re-entering students that ensure such students receive awards on the same basis as continuing students;
- Eligibility criteria

NOTE: Eligibility criteria MAY NOT:

- Use any academic criteria other than Satisfactory Academic Progress for receipt of Title IV aid; or
- Automatically eliminate students receiving a TOPS award (see also the 4th bullet under “Eligibility Requirements” and “Award Calculations”);
- Require an application other than the FAFSA

Renewal Requirements

- Must file a FAFSA or the Renewal FAFSA at least annually;
- Continue receiving a Federal Pell Grant;
- Have remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) 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.

***Residency:** Louisiana resident as of the day the FAFSA is filed and Louisiana is the student's true and fixed domicile as reported on the FAFSA. If student's state of residence on the FAFSA is not reported as LA, but a dependent student claims that a non-custodial parent is a Louisiana resident, or that parents are Louisiana residents living out of state, LOSFA will determine residency based on the compilation, by the parents, of a residency affidavit.

**** Students should check with the financial aid office at the school they plan to attend regarding policy on award calculation and distribution.**