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Year-Round Pell Reinstated

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According to [Community College Daily](#), a publication of the American Association of Community Colleges, [Year-round Pell starts with 2017-18 award year](#), which begins July 1. Unfortunately, this does not apply to the 2016-17 award year. If you recall, year-round Pell was nixed in 2011 to help curb federal spending.

The provision is expected to provide an estimated 1 million students with an additional Pell grant of, on average, \$1,650 during the 2017-18 school year. In addition, starting July 1, the maximum Pell amount would increase by \$105 to \$5,920.

"Restoring year-round Pell Grants is a bipartisan, common-sense approach to making college more affordable for hard working students in Missouri and across the nation," said Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.), chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee that oversees education funding. By allowing full-time and part-time students to receive an additional Pell Grant during the year, often for a summer session, we're helping them stay on track for graduation, enter or re-enter the workforce sooner, and graduate with less debt."

Eighty-one percent of Full-Time/First-Time (FTFT) Trenholm State students received some type of financial aid in fall 2015 as reported on the IPEDS Student Financial Aid survey. In fall 2015, full-time, first-time students (FTFT) received 69% of Pell at an average award of \$4,274. For the fall 2013 cohort of FTFT degree/certificate students, the overall graduation rate is 33% (201 in cohort/67 of which graduated within 150% of normal time). Based on research, it is expected that the year round Pell will provided needed funds to help students graduate.

Sources: Community College Daily, IPEDS Graduation Rate and Student Financial Aid Surveys

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