

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program aids exceptionally needy undergraduate students, matriculated in a degree seeking program attending at least half-time. Application for FSEOG is through the completions of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are exceptionally needy if they have the lowest Student Aid Index (SAI of -1500). The FSEOG first selection group of recipients includes Federal Pell Grant recipients. They must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Complete financial aid file that includes resolution of any flags, verification and any other outstanding data or document
- Not be in default and/or owe an overpayment on a federal grant or loan
- Be matriculated in an undergraduate course of study with no prior Bachelor's degree on file
- Not be incarcerated
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Not exceeded 600% Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) Limits

The maximum FSEOG for a full academic year is \$200. The minimum FSEOG amount is \$100 per academic term. Once the full amount of the school's FSEOG funds has been awarded to students, no more FSEOG awards can be made for that year.

Students may only receive federal aid at one institution at a time. If a student is concurrently enrolled, the student must determine which institution will be awarding and disbursing the funds.

The FSEOG first group selection of students is comprised of those with a -1500 SAI (Student Aid Index) who also received a Pell Grants in that award term before or on our Census date. A student who receives a Pell Grant at any time in the award year may be awarded an FSEOG for that award year.

If the College has remaining FSEOG funds after making awards to all Pell Grant recipients for that award year, students with an SAI range of -1499-0 who have received Pell Grant will be selected next. This group of students is known as the FSEOG second selection group. Documentation of the eligible SAI that was calculated for the students, and confirmation of Pell Grant eligibility, must be made prior to disbursement of the FSEOG.

The Financial Aid Office awards FSEOG for a full academic year, which requires a portion of the grant to be paid during each payment period. The total FSEOG award is usually divided evenly by the number of payment periods the student will attend.

FSEOG disbursements must be made in the corresponding Award Year that the funds are assigned to; Award Year is defined as the period of time from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year. FSEOG funds will be posted to the student's account once the census date for the term is reached and once Pell payment is disbursed.

If the student loses Pell Grant eligibility prior to disbursement of the FSEOG, the College must cancel the FSEOG award.

FSEOG must be recalculated any time there is a change in the SAI, a change in enrollment status to less than half time in a term, or a change in Cost of Attendance (COA).

Hartnell College has been approved as an eligible institution under Title III and/or Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Higher Educational Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEA). As a result of this approval we have a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG).