**Pell Grant Policy**

Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, students are eligible for up to two (2) scheduled Federal Pell Grant awards (200%) per year.

For the summer of 2010, the University of North Alabama will pay the Pell Grant based on the 2009-2010 year eligibility during the transition period for the new Pell Grant awards.

**NOTE:** According to legislation passed by Congress and signed into law on April 14, 2011, 2011-2011 is the last aid year for which students may be eligible for a second Pell award in an aid year. In addition, the regulations with regard to the crossover payment period have been suspended. The rules regarding academic progression as they relate to the award of a second Pell award remain in place for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Beginning with the 2011-2012 award year, Pell eligible students may receive only a single Pell award each academic year. Students may receive an amount up to the maximum award for which he or she is eligible. Pell grants are awarded based on full-time enrollment but will be reduced for less than full-time enrollment.

For Summer 2011, the academic progression rules still apply as they relate to the award of a second Pell grant in an aid year. If students use their first scheduled award by completing 24 hours of credit and enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours in the Summer 2011 term, the student may be eligible for a second scheduled Pell Grant award. A student must have one hour in the summer 2011 which would go toward their second year. For example, UNA defines its year as 24 credit hours; if the student receives a full-time award in fall 2010 and spring 2011, completes 24 hours and enrolls in 6 or more hours in summer 2011, the student would receive a Pell Grant award for the summer 2011 semester, provided the student is otherwise eligible. Pell Grants for a payment period may be combined using the first and second scheduled awards if the student is eligible. A STUDENT MUST BE REGISTERED FOR AND ATTENDING AT LEAST SIX CREDIT HOURS during Summer 2011 to be eligible for the second Pell award. Students who fail to attend all classes for which they are registered and are receiving a Pell Grant from the second scheduled award may have to repay all the Pell Grant they received from the second Pell Grant award.

Transfer Students for 2 scheduled Pell awards for 2010-2011

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

For example: Assume student completed the same ratio of the academic year as the % of Pell Grant received. The prior school disbursed $2007 of $5350 Scheduled Award at that school. $2007 X 24/$5350 = 9 credits assumed earned at prior school. Student is given 9 credits toward completion of the first academic year.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 amended the Federal Pell Grant regulations to limit a student’s duration of eligibility to 12 semesters (or its equivalent). This change is effective with the 2012-2013 award year and applies to all Federal Pell Grant Eligible Students.