

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES
PELL GRANT PROGRAM
Financial Aid Year 2019-2020

The following procedures are outlined so that students are aware of Pell Grant disbursements, governing policies, and approved procedures that will be adhered to by the Financial Aid Office. To view financial costs to attend Bevill State Community College, students may access the Financial Aid Federal Shopping Sheet from their MyBSCC account.

Students who have established Pell Grant eligibility (submitted valid Student Aid Report and all required documentation ten days prior to registration) may charge tuition, fees, and dorm rent for on-campus housing (if applicable) to their Pell Grant award. Books and tools may be charged to their Pell Grant award **only after they have attended at least one class session for each registered class.**

Students who are registered and attending class will be disbursed the remaining balance of their Pell Grant award on the fourteenth day of class. A check may be issued or a direct deposit made into their selected banking institution if they have chosen this option. If they have not selected the direct deposit option, times and locations for check disbursements will be posted. Students must show a valid photo I.D. to obtain their check. Checks that are not picked up after 21 days will be mailed to the student at the address on file with Admissions. Disbursements will continue to be made every other week for students who establish Pell Grant eligibility after the beginning of the semester.

IMPORTANT: By law, Bevill State Community College is required to return unearned Federal grant funds to the U.S. Department of Education on behalf of the student if they officially withdraw (*Change/Withdrawal Form*) or unofficially withdraw (stop attending classes) before completing 60% of the semester. When this occurs, students will owe a repayment of the unearned Federal grant funds to the College. Students who owe repayments to the College will not be allowed to register for subsequent terms until outstanding charges are paid.

Also, reducing enrollment status or withdrawing from the college may affect the required standards of progress and result in losing eligibility to receive financial assistance. Standards of Progress for financial assistance eligibility are published in the College Catalog, the Student Handbook, and the Financial Aid Brochure.

Students must (1) use federal student aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, (2) not be in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (3) not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (4) notify their college if they default on a federal student loan, and (5) not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one college for the same period of time. If a student purposely gives false or misleading information, they may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

NOTICE: Students are INELIGIBLE to receive a Pell Grant if they have received a Bachelor's Degree or higher educational degree.