

Yale Undergraduate Financial Aid

2021 Summer Pell FAQ's

If you still have questions about the Summer Pell Grant after reading these frequently asked questions, please e-mail the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office at yss.funding@yale.edu. We will be more than happy to answer your questions.

What is the Summer Pell Grant?

The Summer Pell Grant is an extension of the Federal Pell Grant program, which provides undergraduate students with need-based grants to promote access to postsecondary education. The U.S. Department of Education reinstated the Summer Pell Grant program beginning in 2018 and provides the funds.

Who is eligible for a Summer Pell Grant?

Students who are eligible for a Pell Grant during the 2020–2021 academic year are potentially eligible to receive a Summer Pell Grant. Your eligibility depends on your family's 2020–2021 Federal Expected Family Contribution and the number of Yale Summer Session credits you decide to take.

Could I be eligible for a Summer Pell Grant even if I was not eligible for a Pell Grant during the 2020–2021 academic year?

No. You must be eligible for a Pell Grant during the 2020–2021 academic year to receive the Summer Pell Grant in 2021. The Department of Education utilizes your 2020–2021 Federal Expected Family Contribution in determining Pell eligibility for the 2021 Summer Session. Yale undergraduates on financial aid who do not qualify for the Summer Pell Grant may still be eligible for other program to fund their summer study, such as:

- Yale Summer Session 50% tuition scholarships (see summer.yale.edu/dates-costs/financial-assistance)
- YSS COVID-19 tuition and housing subsidies (see summer.yale.edu/contactfaqs/yss-covid-19-courses-yss-covid-19)

How much financial support can I expect from the Summer Pell Grant?

The amount of Summer Pell Grant funding you can receive depends on your individual circumstances. Your eligibility is determined by your Federal Expected Family Contribution and the number of credits in which you enroll. To receive the grant, you need to enroll in at least 1.5 credits throughout Yale Summer Session.

Eligible students who enroll in 2 course credits during Yale Summer Session would receive a maximum 2021 Summer Pell Grant award of \$1,586.

If you decide to pursue more than 2 credits, the Summer Pell Grant funding might increase slightly; however, the YSS 50% tuition scholarship is capped at two courses. The maximum a student can get from a 2021 Summer Pell Grant for taking 4 credits is \$3,172.

When would the Summer Pell Grant funds be administered?

(Note that payment is due Friday, May 14th for YSS Session A charges.)

YSS and the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid are working hard to ensure that students receive funding in a timely manner. If you qualify for Summer Pell, UFA will place a temporary credit (or “memo”) on your Student Account. This will let YSS and the Student Accounts Office know that we expect this funding to pay soon, and you will not be required to cover the amount of your temporary credit as long as you continue to meet enrollment and other eligibility requirements. In some cases, federal rules will not allow us to pay summer Pell funds to your account until the start of Summer Session B.

How can the Summer Pell Grant funds be used? Will I get a refund if there are leftover funds after the Summer Pell Grant and other scholarship/grant funds are credited?

The Summer Pell Grant funds will first be used to cover any billed expenses on your Student Account. In some cases, students may receive a refund. Whether you receive a refund will depend on multiple factors, such as your Expected Family Contribution, number of Yale Summer Session courses in which you enroll, and whether there is an existing balance on your Student Account. If there is a credit on your Student Account after all billed charges are paid, you may request a refund through SIS as you would during the fall or spring term. For more information about the refund process, please see student-accounts.yale.edu/refunds.

Do we need to apply or reach out to the Financial Aid Office to receive the Summer Pell Grant?

No. You do not need to contact the Financial Aid Office to receive a Summer Pell Grant, and there is no separate Pell Grant application form. But if you have questions about your eligibility or the amount of Pell Grant for which you may qualify, we will gladly answer your inquiries.

I receive Financial Aid but do not qualify for the Summer Pell Grant. What can I do?

Students receiving financial aid will still be eligible for YSS Financial Assistance of a 50% tuition scholarship for up to two credits. If you are currently enrolled in Yale College and plan to register for at least two course credits through Yale Summer Session, you may also apply for federal and private loans. Students interested in applying for a summer loan should read the Undergraduate Financial Aid Summer Session Q&A at finaid.yale.edu/summer-session-qa.

Does using the Summer Pell Grant this summer reduce the amount of Pell Grant I can receive during the school year?

No. Receiving a Summer Pell Grant will not affect your eligibility for next year's Pell Grant.

Can the Summer Pell Grant be used for 1 credit with YSS?

No. To be eligible for the Summer Pell Grant you must enroll in at least 1.5 credits.

Compared to other summers, is the Summer Pell Grant different this summer because of COVID-19?

No, the Summer Pell Grant program has been unaltered by COVID-19. However, there has been a heightened interest in the Summer Pell Grant due to the impact of COVID-19 on alternative summer options.