Pell Repackaging

Purpose

Pell repackaging (also known as Pell Census) seeks to provide students with an accurate amount of Pell Grant to attend the term for which they are enrolled. By choosing to have a Pell Census date, NAU manages tax payer grant aid more responsibly. Students are notified of this policy via NAU e-mail and letter. Students are also notified via NAU e-mail if an adjustment to their aid has occurred.

Policy

Northern Arizona University chooses to have a Pell Recalculation Date (PRD) as instructed by the Department of Education (34 CFR 690.80). This is called Pell Census.

Students who are enrolled and have a valid ISIR on file prior to the start of class will be packaged for whatever their current enrollment is on that particular day (full time, ¾ time, ½ time, less than half time). NAU will re-evaluate all students’ enrollment the night of Pell Census and recalculate their Pell Grant eligibility based on their enrollment at that time.

For example:

Students who enroll for the first time that term or submit a valid ISIR after Pell Census will be considered for packaging the following Friday after these two items are complete. Their Pell Grant eligibility will be based on their enrollment as of the date NAU initially packages after enrollment is confirmed and a valid ISIR received.

For example:
Any changes to a student’s enrollment after the Pell Census date will not result in an adjustment to the Pell Grant.

Students are encouraged to review their respective enrollment statuses and educate themselves about this process, which occurs every fall and spring term. Enrollment statuses for undergraduate students are as follows:

- **Full time:** 12+ credits
- **¾ time:** 9-11 credits
- **½ time:** 6-8 credits
- **<half time:** 1-5 credits