SUMMARY
The Federal Pell Grant is a form of federal gift aid that does not have to be repaid. The Pell grant is the largest federal grant program and is generally awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need who have not earned a first bachelor’s degree. Approximate annual award limits for the 2015-2016 Academic Year range from $600 to $5,775. You must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for the Federal Pell Grant. A new federal aid application must be filed every academic year.

GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION
- Pell Grant award amounts can change yearly.
- How much grant aid you receive depends on:
  - Your Expected Family Contribution
  - Your Cost of Attendance
  - Whether you’re a full-time or part-time student
  - Whether you attend school for a full academic year
- You may not receive Pell Grant funds from more than one school at a time.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
1. You are enrolled in a regular degree program.
2. You are a U.S citizen or an eligible noncitizen.
3. You are making Satisfactory Academic Progress.
4. You are not in default on any federal student aid and do not owe a refund on a federal education grant.
5. You show financial need as determined by the results of the FAFSA.
6. You have NOT previously earned a bachelor’s degree.

*Effective on or after July 1, 2012, students can only receive Pell Grant Awards for a maximum of 12 semesters or its equivalent (600%) during their lifetime. The U.S. Department of Education will track each student’s Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) among all institutions.

**If you wish to decline or return Pell grant funds within the award year to preserve eligibility for future enrollment periods, you must submit the request in writing directly to the WSU Office of Financial Aid.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
1. The “Award Notification” you have been sent reflects your estimated award. Your actual award will be determined at the semester’s census date (end of the 100% refund period) based on your enrollment. Once your initial Pell Grant has been paid, if you add classes after the end of the 100% refund period (census date), no additional Pell Grant funds will be disbursed.
2. Repeated courses, or their equivalencies, that have been successfully completed with a D– or better previously are not eligible for Pell Grants on the third or any additional attempt.
3. Your Pell Grant will be applied directly to your WSU student account each term. Any funds remaining after paying your tuition and fees will be sent as a credit refund check to you either by paper check or direct deposit. If your grant does not cover the cost of your tuition/fees, you MUST pay the additional charges by the tuition payment deadline.
4. Late Awards: If you applied late, your eligibility for your Pell Grant will be calculated based on your enrollment status at that time.
5. Withdrawal: Any time a student begins attendance in at least one course, but does not begin attendance in all of the courses scheduled to attend, regardless of whether the student fully withdraws, the Office of Financial Aid must check to determine if it is necessary to recalculate the student’s eligibility for Pell Grant funds based upon the revised enrollment and cost of attendance.
6. Dropping Courses: Dropping courses within the term may require you to repay all or part of the Pell Grant you received. If you are considering dropping a class, it is important to discuss your situation with a financial aid counselor before dropping.
7. Failing a Class: In the event you fail a class, the Office of Financial Aid is required to check if you attended or completed other academically related activity in the failed course to determine if you earned the Pell Grant that was disbursed. If attendance or other academically related activity cannot be verified, the Pell Grant will be withdrawn for that class. As a result, you may owe a balance to WSU.

CONTACT US
If you have any questions about your 2015-2016 Pell Grant, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (316) 978-3430 or toll free at 1-855-WSU1STP (978-1787).