

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Federal Pell Grant Program****AGENCY:** Department of Education**ACTION:** Notice; deadline dates for receipt of applications, reports, and other documents for the 1997–98 award year.**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the deadline dates for receiving documents from persons applying for grants under, and from institutions participating in, the Federal Pell Grant Program in the 1997–98 award year.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacquelyn C. Butler, Program Specialist, Student Financial Assistance Programs,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Pell Grant Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education (Department), provides grants to students attending eligible institutions of higher education to help them pay for their educational costs. The program supports Goals 2000, the

President's strategy for moving the Nation toward the National Education Goals, by enhancing opportunities for postsecondary education. The National Education Goals call for increasing the rate at which students graduate from high school and pursue high quality postsecondary education and for supporting life-long learning. Authority for the Federal Pell Grant Program is contained in section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1070a.

Deadline Dates

The following tables provide the deadline dates for the Federal Pell Grant Program for the 1997–98 award year.

A.—DEADLINE DATES FOR APPLICATION PROCESSING AND RECEIPT OF STUDENT AID REPORTS (SARS) OR INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION RECORDS (ISIRs)

Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What is the deadline date?
Student	A paper original Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or renewal application (Renewal FAFSA).	The address indicated on the FAFSA, Renewal FAFSA, or use envelope provided with form.	June 30, 1998.
Student	FAFSA Express electronic application.	Central Processing System	June 30, 1998. ¹
Student thru institution	Signature Page	The address printed on the signature page.	Aug. 14, 1998.
Student thru institution	An electronic original or renewal application (EDExpress).	Central Processing System	June 30, 1998. ¹
Student	SAR corrections and duplicate requests.	The address indicated on the SAR ..	Aug. 14, 1998.
Student thru institution	Electronic (ISIR) corrections and duplicate requests.	Central Processing System	Aug. 14, 1998. ¹
Student	Valid SAR	Institution	The earlier of: —the student's last date of enrollment; or —Aug. 31, 1998.
Student thru Central Processing System to institution.	Valid ISIR	Institution receives ISIR from the Central Processing System.	The earlier of: —the student's last date of enrollment; or —Aug. 31, 1998.
Student	Verification documents	Institution	Aug. 31, 1998.
Student	Verified SAR	Institution	Aug. 31, 1998.
Student thru Central Processing System to institution.	Verified ISIR	Institution receives ISIR from the Central Processing System.	Aug. 31, 1998.

¹ The deadline for submitting electronic transactions is prior to midnight (Central Time) on the deadline date. Transmissions must be completed and the records must be accepted for processing before midnight to meet the deadline. Transmissions started but not completed until after midnight are not considered on time.

B. DEADLINE DATES FOR REPORTING FEDERAL PELL GRANT STUDENT PAYMENT DATA

Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What is the deadline date?
Institution	At least one acceptable student Payment Data record must be submitted for each Federal Pell Grant recipient at the institution by: —Recipient Data Exchange; or —Floppy Disk Data Exchange; or	Institutions transmitting student Payment Data using Recipient Data Exchange or Floppy Disk Data Exchange submit through: —Regular Mail: U.S. Department of Education Student Aid Origination Team, PSS P.O. Box 10800 Herndon, Virginia 20172–7009, or.	An institution is required to submit student Payment Data not later than the earlier of: (a) 30 calendar days after the institution: —makes a payment; or —becomes aware of the need to make an adjustment to previously reported student Payment Data or expected student Payment Data; or

B. DEADLINE DATES FOR REPORTING FEDERAL PELL GRANT STUDENT PAYMENT DATA—Continued

Who submits?	What is submitted?	Where is it submitted?	What is the deadline date?
		Commercial Couriers or Hand Deliveries: U.S. Department of Education Student Aid Origination Team, PSS c/o PRC Inc., G-T01 PGRFMS/DMS, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191-3423.	(b) September 30, 1998 After September 30, 1998 only if: —downward adjustment of previously reported award; or —initial audit or program review finding per 34 CFR part 690.83
	Requests for year-to-date Processed Payment Data	2. Institutions transmitting Student Payment Data using Electronic Data Exchange submit through: Title IV Wide Area Network Pell Grant User Support Hotline: (202) 708-9141; Institutional Access System#: (800) 474-7268 (Requests also may be made using the addresses in items #1 and #2 above).	Aug. 14, 1998. ²
	Request for administrative relief based on an administrative error by the Department or Departmental contractors:	U.S. Department of Education Institutional Financial Management Division, AFMS P.O. Box 23791 Washington, DC 20026-0791	Feb. 1, 1999.

¹ An institution that transmits its student Payment Data information via the EDE Electronic Payments service must ensure that its transmission is completed before midnight (local time at the institution's EDE destination point) on September 30, 1998.

² Year-to-date data files may be requested after this date, however, there may not be sufficient time for institutions to receive the file, create a payment data batch and submit to ED by the September 30, 1998 deadline date for receipt of all 1997-98 requests for payment.

Proof of Delivery

The Department accepts as proof of delivery, if the documents were submitted by mail or by non-U.S. Postal Service courier, one of the following:

- (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (2) A legibly-dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

[**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method of proof of mailing, an institution should check with the post office at which it mails its submission. An institution is strongly encouraged to use First Class Mail.]

- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial courier.

- (4) Other proof of mailing or delivery acceptable to the Secretary.

The Department accepts commercial couriers or hand deliveries between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on days other than Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holidays.

Other Sources for Detailed Information on the Application and Automated Processes

A more detailed discussion of the student application process for the Federal Pell Grant Program is contained in the *1997-98 Student Guide, Funding Your Education*, the *1997-98 Counselor's Handbook for High Schools*, the *1997-98 Counselor's Handbook for Postsecondary Schools*, *A Guide to 1997-98 SARs and ISIRs*, and the *1996-97 and 1997-98 Federal Student Financial Aid Handbooks*. A more detailed discussion of the institutional reporting requirement for student

Payment Data for the Federal Pell Grant Program is also contained in the *Federal Student Financial Aid Handbooks*.

Applicable Regulations

The regulations applicable to this program are the Federal Pell Grant Program regulations in 34 CFR part 690, the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations in 34 CFR part 668, and the Institutional Eligibility regulations in 34 CFR part 600.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a)

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