

## **GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR UP TO A STUDENT'S PELL ELIGIBILITY (created July 2017)**

Beginning with the February 2018 subscription period, newly admitted UW-Milwaukee Flexible Option students in the Bachelor degree program in Biomedical Sciences-Health Sciences submajor, who demonstrate eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant as determined through the [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) process may be eligible for a tuition grant up to the cost of tuition (\$900.00 for a Single Competency Set & \$2,250.00 for All You Can Learn). This eligibility is fully dependent on demonstrated financial need and the student's ability to make reasonable progress completing the competency sets in which he or she enrolls. This provision is temporarily available for UW-Milwaukee students only until federal financial aid is available for this program. In addition to the UW Flexible Option tuition grant, UW-Milwaukee students may also use [alternative loans](#).

The same eligibility process that governs federal financial aid programs applies to UW Flexible Option tuition grants. Submitting the [FAFSA](#) is the first step of the process. After the [FAFSA](#) has been processed, we will inform students of their level of eligibility for tuition assistance.

**Please note that only students who demonstrate financial need as determined through the federal financial aid application process ([FAFSA](#)) and who meet eligibility considerations for the Federal Pell Grant will be considered for the UW Flexible Option tuition grant.**

To be initially eligible for a UW Flexible Option tuition grant, a student must:

- Demonstrate proof of Pell grant eligibility through a completed [FAFSA](#).
  - If additional documentation is needed to determine eligibility, it must be submitted.
- Be newly admitted to enroll in or to start a UW-Milwaukee Flexible Option degree program for the February 2018 subscription period or later.
  - NOTE: Once federal financial aid for this UW Flexible Option program becomes available through UW-Milwaukee, the tuition grant will no longer be available.
- Submit the [FAFSA](#) as soon as possible. The priority deadline for application is one month prior to the start of your subscription period. For example, if a student is beginning a subscription period on March 2, they must apply by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications received after the priority deadline may not be

processed by your subscription period [payment deadline](#).

### **Continuing eligibility**

In addition to the initial eligibility criteria, students must demonstrate successful progress toward the degree.

- Students who received the grant at the All-You-Can-Learn enrollment level must complete (demonstrate mastery) at least 6 credit hour equivalencies within the subscription period.
- Students who received the grant at the Single Competency Set enrollment level must complete (demonstrate mastery) at least one competency set within the subscription period.

### **Warning Status**

Students who do not demonstrate academic progress will be given a one-time grace period or warning status. They will remain eligible for the grant for one additional subscription period. Failure to demonstrate progress in a warning period will result in loss of eligibility for the UW Flexible Option Tuition Grant.

### **In-Progress Grade (IP or PR)**

An In-Progress Grade (IP or PR) reflects that the student has yet to demonstrate mastery for all competencies in that competency set and must re-enroll if s/he wishes to demonstrate mastery in that competency set. Competency sets for which a student is re-enrolled due to the receipt of an IP/PR grade are not eligible for the grant.

### **Withdrawals**

A competency set that is dropped after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the subscription period will not result in loss of a tuition grant for the subscription period in which it was received. It could impact continued eligibility for future subscription periods.

**Receipt of financial assistance during one or more periods shall not guarantee continued or future assistance.**

In addition to the UW Flexible Option tuition grant, UW-Milwaukee students may also make use of [alternative loans](#).

If you have any questions about obtaining financial aid for a UW Flexible Option program, we invite you to speak with a member of our UW Flexible Option Enrollment team, at 608-265-3648 or 1-877-895-3276 (select option 1). You are also welcome to email [flex@uwex.edu](mailto:flex@uwex.edu).