



Policy SE010: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Recommended for Approval by:


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Approved by:


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A. Intent

To establish Pennsylvania Western University's Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant awarding policy and assure it is regulator compliant with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid requirements as outlined in [34 CFR 676.10](#).

B. Definition(s)

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is an additional federal grant available to undergraduate students. The stated intent of the FSEOG Program is to provide, through institutions of higher education, supplemental grants to assist in making available the benefits of post-secondary education to qualified students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. Exceptional financial need is now defined as the students with lowest EFC's at the institution. In addition, the 1986 and 1992 amendments also require that priority be given to PELL Grant recipients.

Participating institutions must enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Education (Program Participation Agreement). Funds are allocated to institutions on a conditional guarantee and fair share basis according to a formula based on prior funding levels and expenditures. The institutions will receive an authorization document establishing the draw-down funds for each fiscal year. There is no guarantee every eligible student will be able to receive a FSEOG.

Institutions are permitted to establish criteria it deems appropriate to award these funds, guided by Federal Regulations. This would include aid that is made reasonably available to all eligible students who demonstrate financial need to the extent of the available funds. Minimum FSEOG awards are \$100 and maximum awards are \$4,000 per federal regulations.

C. Policy

To be considered for FSEOG students must:

- Fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Not have earned a baccalaureate degree
- Meet all Department of Education eligibility requirements including but not limited to:
 - Having financial need
 - Having a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Certificate
 - Registering with the Selective Services, if required
 - Being a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - Having a valid Social Security Number
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree in an eligible program
- Meet the standards of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (FA SAP)
- Be registered and attending at least 6 credit hours in a semester

D. Procedure(s)

The Financial Aid Office will award a student up to \$750 for the full academic year with amounts equal in proportion over two terms.

1. First award funds to eligible student with exceptional financial need, that is, those with a zero expected family contributions (EFC) who will receive Pell Grant in that year.
2. After awarding FSEOG to all eligible zero EFC students, funds will be award to all eligible PELL recipients in order of lowest EFC. Next award FSEOG funds to those eligible students with the lowest expected family contributions who will not receive a Pell Grant in that year.

E. Forms

List and link any associated forms needed. N/A

F. Related policies

List any related policies or procedures.

G. Contact Information

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Financial Aid – Sue Bloom	Clarion Campus	814-393-2667
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H. Policy Review Schedule

All policies will be reviewed every two years or on an as needed basis if a change in Federal, Pennsylvania law, or BOG, PASSHE would create the need for an immediate change.