



2025-2026 ENROLLMENT LEVEL/ “CENSUS” POLICY

Financial aid amounts are initially awarded assuming a full-time enrollment level (12+ credits). Financial aid is available at levels below full-time. Students **must** notify the Student Financial Services office in writing, using the Enrollment Status Change Form, at least 7 days prior to the start of the quarter to avoid any delays in receiving a refund.

<i>To receive aid at this enrollment level →</i>	<i>You must be registered for:</i>
Full-time	12 or more credits*
Three-quarter time	Between 9-11.99 credits*
Half time	Between 6-8.99 credits*
Less than ½-time	Between 1-5.99 credits*

Beginning with the 2025-2026 aid year, the Pell Grant, Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarship will no longer be based on enrollment status. Instead, disbursement amounts will be calculated using **Enrollment Intensity** – which is a percentage value based on the number of credits a student is enrolled in (rounded to the nearest whole percent) at Census. The chart below illustrates how enrollment intensity is determined based on credit load:

Credit Hours	Enrollment Category	Enrollment Intensity
12 (or more)	Full-Time	100% of the award
11	Three-Quarter Time	93% of the award
10		82% of the award
9		75% of the award
8	Half-Time	67% of the award
7		58% of the award
6		50% of the award
5	Less than Half-Time	42% of the award
4		33% of the award
3		25% of the award
2		17% of the award
1		8% of the award

Eligibility for some **federal** and **state** grant aid is based on the type of aid and the number of credits enrolled in as of the end of the last day to add/drop classes for the quarter, or the number of credits a student is registered in when a financial aid award is made, if after the add/drop deadline for the quarter. The [last day to add/drop classes](#) can be found via our website.

Enrollment levels will be checked at the end of the last day to add/drop class(es) deadline for the quarter. Award amounts will be adjusted to reflect the correct enrollment level as of this deadline. Changes to a student’s schedule after this date can result in an increase of financial aid with the exception of Pell Grant. If a student’s aid was disbursed at an incorrect enrollment level, paid toward classes that were not required to complete the student’s degree with Cascadia or the student did not attend classes, they will owe a repayment of financial aid to the college and will be billed accordingly. ***It is the student’s responsibility to check with the financial aid office to verify how schedule changes may affect their financial aid.*** Faculty and staff other than financial aid staff are not required to know financial aid policies.

* **Audit status, Running Start, high school completion, ESL, ELP, Basic Skills, Tech Prep, continuing education credits, and pre-requisite credits required to transfer to another school if a student does not have elective room in their program are not financial aid eligible and do not count towards a student’s enrollment level and funding amounts.**



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