Public Law 112-74 has significantly impacted the Federal Pell Grant Program. Beginning in Fall 2012, students are now limited to 12 semesters (or 600%) of Pell Grant eligibility during their lifetime. This change affects all students regardless of when or where they received their first Pell Grant. Students who have exceeded the 600% of their Pell Grant eligibility are not eligible to receive the Pell Grant starting Fall 2014. Students who may be close to the 600% of their Pell Grant eligibility may receive a reduced Pell Grant starting Fall 2014.

If you’ve been notified by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) that you are Cal Grant eligible you may still qualify. You may also apply for Federal Work Study (FWS) or a Federal Direct Loan (student loan). You must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to apply for either for any of these.

You may view your percentage of Pell Grant used by logging into www.nslds.ed.gov. Your ‘Lifetime Eligibility Used’ percentage will be displayed in the ‘Grants’ section.

I understand that I may not be entitled to a Pell award because I have exceeded the 600% Pell limit, or I may not be entitled to 100% of my annual Pell grant award due to the total amount of Pell grant funds I have previously received.

Place an (x) next to the one that applies to you:

I am close to the lifetime Pell limit ____

OR

I have exceeded the lifetime Pell limit ____

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: ______________