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Pell Grant increases help college students stay in school

Beginning with the 2009-10 academic year, federal Pell Grant funding will support year-round college enrollment.

“The maximum federal Pell Grant is going up next year to as much as $5,350,” said Anna Manley, RCC director of Financial Aid. “That’s up to $619 more than the current-year maximum of $4,731.”

Pell grants will be awarded summer term, Manley explained, which means grant-eligible students who want to graduate earlier can persist in their studies year-round, attending summer as well as fall, winter and spring terms. For example, a full-time student whose expected family contribution is zero, may qualify for the maximum Pell Grant, receiving $5,350 for three full-time terms or $7,133 for four terms.

“Assuming a student graduates from RCC with his two-year degree next June and transfers to an Oregon university for the 2010 summer term, that student could receive another $1,783 Pell Grant,” Manley said “This means that for the 2009-10 school year, a student can receive as much as $8,916 in federal Pell Grants.”

More information is available by calling RCC Financial Aid, 956-7501 in Grants Pass or 245-7501 in Medford. Or visit www.roguecc.edu/FinancialAid.

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