



The SMART Pell Grant Match Program FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the SMART Pell Grant Match Program?**

SMART will match Federal Pell Grant awards for students with a history of at least two years of USBC bowling participation (at least one being youth). Students simply submit an application, proof of their Pell Grant award for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 academic year, and class schedule, and SMART will match the Federal Pell Grant dollar for dollar via a new SMART deposited scholarship.
- 2. What is the [Federal Pell Grant](#)?**

The Federal Pell Grant is a well-known program that helps students and families with the greatest financial need pay for college. Students must demonstrate financial need to the federal government by submitting a FAFSA form. The Pell Grant amount is awarded based on need.
- 3. Is there a deadline to receive the SMART Pell Grant Match?**

No. Students can submit proof of their Pell Grant anytime during the school year to receive a match from SMART. This will continue until all grant funds have been exhausted.
- 4. How often can I apply for the SMART Pell Grant Match?**

Students can reapply every year, just as they do for the Pell Grant. The Federal Pell Grant can be awarded to one individual a max of 12 terms/six years. However, it is limited to those who have not earned a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree.
- 5. Do I have to use awarded Grant Funds toward tuition?**

No. Funds received via the SMART Pell Grant Match program can be used the same as any other scholarship. This includes tuition, room and board, campus bookstore, off-campus housing, student loans, or as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses such as laptops, tuition, books or other required supplies. See the [Recipient FAQ](#) for more information on scholarship usage.
- 6. Can I transfer these funds to a family member if I don't use them?**

No. Grant funds are not transferrable and will expire back into the general grant fund after two years if unused.
- 7. I received a Federal Pell Grant in the 2021-2022 academic year. Does this qualify for the Match?**

Yes. SMART will match Federal Pell Grants awarded in the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 academic year.
- 8. How do I qualify for a SMART Pell Grant Match?**

A student applying for a SMART Pell Grant Match must be approved for a Federal Pell Grant and have two years of USBC Membership history, one of which being youth. They do not have to be consecutive. The student must also still be within eight years of their high school graduation.

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