



## The SMART Pell Grant Match Program FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the SMART Pell Grant Match Program?**  
Qualifying students can submit an application to include proof of their Pell Grant award and class schedule, and SMART will match the Federal Pell Grant dollar for dollar via a new SMART deposited scholarship.
- 2. How do I qualify?**  
Students must have at least four prior years of USBC bowling participation (at least one being youth) and a current SMART account balance of less than \$1,000. Students must also still be within eight years of their own high school graduation.
- 3. 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.
- 4. What is the deadline for the SMART Pell Grant Match?**  
Students can submit proof of their Pell Grant anytime during the current school year to receive a matching scholarship from SMART. This will continue until all grant funds allocated for that year have been exhausted.
- 5. How often can I apply for the SMART Pell Grant Match?**  
Students can reapply every year, just as they do for the Federal 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.
- 6. Do I have to use the SMART awarded Pell Grant Match toward tuition?**  
No. Funds received via the SMART Pell Grant Match program can be used the same as any other SMART 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.
- 7. Can I transfer these funds to a family member if I don't use them?**  
No. SMART awarded scholarships to include Pell grant Matches are not transferable and will expire back into the SMART Grant Fund account after two years if unused.

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