

Policy Clarification
SNAP Assistance – All
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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Pell Grant and student eligibility for SNAP

Question: Can the maximum Pell Grant amount also be used to determine if a student has an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 for college students who are temporarily SNAP eligible under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021?

Response By: DFPPM

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Yes. If a student is receiving the maximum Pell Grant amount, that student has an EFC of \$0. Maximum Pell Grant amounts for the 2020-21 award year are \$3,172 per semester for full-time students, \$2,379 per semester for three-quarter-time students, and \$1,586 per semester for half-time students. This information can be found on the financial aid award letter.

Not all students who have an EFC of \$0 actually receive Pell Grants, but those who do receive the grants will receive the maximum amount.