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**Subpart A—Scope, Purpose and General Definitions**

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**§ 690.1 Scope and purpose.**

The Federal Pell Grant Program awards grants to help financially needy students meet the cost of their postsecondary education.

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**§ 690.2 Definitions.**

(a) The definitions of the following terms used in this part are set forth in subpart A of the Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668:

- Accredited
- Award year
- Clock hour
- Correspondence course
- Educational program
- Eligible institution
- Payment period
- Recognized equivalent of high school diploma
- Regular student
- Secretary
- State

(b) Definitions of the following terms used in this part are described in subpart A of the Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668:

- Academic year
- Dependent student

- Eligible program
- Eligible student
- Enrolled
- Federal Pell Grant Program
- Federal Perkins Loan Program
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program
- Federal Work-Study Program
- Full-time student
- HEA
- Independent student
- Parent

(c) Other terms used in this part are:  
*Annual award:* The Federal Pell Grant award amount a full-time student would receive under the Payment Schedule for a full academic year in an award year, and the amount a three-quarter-time, half-time, and less-than-half-time student would receive under the appropriate Disbursement Schedule for being enrolled in that enrollment status for a full academic year in an award year.

*Central processor:* An organization under contract with the Secretary that calculates an applicant’s expected family contribution based on the applicant’s application information, transmits an ISIR to each institution designated by the applicant, and submits reports to the Secretary on the correctness of its computations of the expected family contribution amounts and the accuracy of the answers to questions on application forms for the previous award year cycle.

*Disbursement Schedule:* A table showing the annual awards that three-quarter, half-time, and less-than-half-time students at term-based institutions using credit hours would receive for an academic year. This table is published annually by the Secretary and is based on—

- (1) A student’s expected family contribution, as determined in accordance with title IV, part F of the HEA; and
- (2) A student’s attendance costs as defined in title IV, part F of the HEA.
- (3) The amount of funds available for making Federal Pell Grants.

*Electronic Data Exchange:* An electronic exchange system between the central processor and an institution under which—

- (1) A student is able to transmit his or her application information to the