

TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAN

**Program Name: Federal Pell Grant
 Crossover Transition Policy
 Summer 2010**

Plan for Fiscal Year: 2009 - 2010

As part of the HEOA (Higher Education Opportunity Act) regulations published October 29, 2009, *eligible* students must be awarded up to two Federal Pell Grants within an award year. This legislation is effective for the 2009 - 2010 award year.

Trinidad State Junior College 2009-2010 Crossover Transition Policy Key concepts and definitions:

For purposes of federal financial aid programs at the Trinidad State Junior College, an **academic year** is a period of time (normally a minimum of 30 weeks or fall plus spring semester) during which a full-time undergraduate student is expected to complete a minimum of 24 credit hours.

Annual grant limits are tied to the completion of an academic year. **Academic year acceleration** is demonstrated by completing more than 24 credits.

Award year refers to the specific enrollment period. The "normal" award year at TSJC is the fall and spring semesters. Award years run from July 1 to June 30.

A **Cross-Over Payment Period** is any period that includes both June 30th and July 1.

For the purposes of federal financial aid programs, this period must be assigned to a specific financial aid award year. These years begin each July 1. Trinidad State Junior College has a summer semester. Within the summer semester, TSJC has several modules. For the purposes of all federal aid programs, the summer semester (including all summer modules) is considered one *Cross-Over Payment Period*.

Awarding Policy for the Summer 2010 Cross-Over Period:

Trinidad State Junior College will determine eligibility for all Federal Pell Grants during the 2010 summer semester based on the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Trinidad State Junior College will not review academic year progression (i.e. completion of 24 credit hours) for the 2009-2010 cross-over period.

All federal and state awards for the 2010 summer semester will be awarded based on 2009-2010 FAFSA and allocations.

Upon request, Trinidad State Junior College will award Federal Pell Grant based on the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if beneficial to the student. This will be done on a student-by-student basis and only applies to the Federal Pell Grant.