**LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

## 2025-2026 GO Grant Packaging Policy

### Eligibility Requirements

    i.    To be eligible for a Louisiana Go Grant, a student must:

        a.  Be a Louisiana Resident[1];

        b.  File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);

        c.  Receive a federal Pell grant;

        d.  Have remaining financial need greater than "0" after deducting the student's Student Aid Index (SAI) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid from their Cost of Attendance. Due to limited funding, awards are not guaranteed to all eligible students.

        e.  Be a student enrolled in an eligible Louisiana institution on at least half-time basis (6 hours).

### Campus Allocations

    i.  Annual allocation of funds to eligible participating campuses will be based on the annual legislative appropriation and will be proportionate to the institutions' prior year Go Grant expenditures.

### Award Amounts

    i.  Award amounts to eligible students are based on the institution's allocation and their packaging policy. Awards may vary with each academic year. Awards will not be paid for summer sessions, quarters or terms.

    ii.  Maximum and minimum annual award amounts:

        a.  Full Time (12 or more hours) $3000.00 per year, $1500.00 per semester

        b.  Three Quarter Time (7-11 hours) $1500.00 per year, $750.00 per semester

        c.  Half-Time (6 hours) $1200.00 per year, $600.00 per semester

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## Award Calculations[2]

Louisiana Christian University makes a good faith effort to distribute their GO Grant allocations in a manner that reaches students with the most financial need. Example: COA = $34,006 SAI = 4,036 Need 29,970 Examples of gift aid and need-based aid include Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, TOPS, TOPS stipends and institutional scholarships.

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| $34,006 | COA |
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| -$4,036 | SAI |
| $29,970 | Financial Need |

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## Packaging Policy [3]

i.  The Louisiana Go Grant is awarded to students who meet the Go Grant eligibility requirements. Due to the limited amount of funding received for the GO Grant program, students may receive a maximum award up to $3000 per award year provided they are full-time. The basis of a $3000 award year maximum ensures that the greatest number of students are awarded. Students enrolled in less than full-time, but at least ½ time will receive reduced amounts. Enrollment level is determined as of the 14th class day. Availability of Go Grant is subject to funding by the State of Louisiana. Go Grant is not available for the summer semester unless the state allocates excess funds. Go grant distributions are awarded during the Fall, and Spring semester as follows:

    a.  Full-time (12 hours or greater) = $1500 per semester (up to $3000 annually)
    b.  Three Quarter Time (7-11 hours) = $750 per semester (up to $1500 annually)
    c.  Half-time (6 hours) = $600 per semester (up to $1200 annually)

ii.  Priority of packaging will be given to those students who:

    a.  are 25 years of age or older;
    b.  have a completed financial aid file
    c.  have a financial need and balance;
    d.  Prior recipients of the Go Grant.

iii.  All eligible students (including transfer & re-entering students) are identified and a minimum of 5% of our annual student population is awarded Go Grant pending eligibility. The students are then reviewed for awards in order of priority. Eligibility criteria does not; automatically eliminate students receiving TOPS, nor eliminate students on the basis of any academic criteria other than Satisfactory Academic Progress for receipt of Title IV aid. Priority is given to transferand re-entering students who self-identify as prior recipients at other institution(s).

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**Renewal Requirements**

i. Must file a FAFSA or the Renewal FAFSA at least annually;
ii. Continue receiving a Federal Pell Grant;
iii. Have remaining financial need after deducting the Student Aid Index (SAI) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid ("gift aid") from student's Cost of Attendance (COA);
iv. The award can be renewed for subsequent years to a maximum lifetime award that correlates to that of the Federal Pell Grant.

Additional information regarding the GO Grant program and common Q&A's can be found online at www.myLosfa.gov

## Over Award Policy

i. The Louisiana Go Grant is packaged on a need basis and sometimes the student is inadvertently awarded over need allowed due to the addition of need-based aid later on in the year. In order to find these inadvertent over awards, all GO Grant recipients are double-checked to determine if they still meet the eligibility requirements for the grant prior to billing.

ii. In the event the student's total aid exceeds his financial need or the cost of attendance, any federal loan aid included in the total aid package shall be reduced, then institutional and other aid in accordance with institutional practice, then the Louisiana GO Grant, then a TOPS award, if applicable, shall be reduced by the amount of any remaining over award.

iii. If the receipt of additional gift aid occurs during the fall semester the GO Grant award for the spring semester will be reduced. If the receipt of additional gift aid occurs during the spring semester, no reduction is required per LOSFA guidelines. The reason for the excess award will be noted on the student file. If an over award occurs during the fall semester and the GO Grant has already been billed, a refund will be processed to LOSFA to return any funds that the student was ineligible to receive.

iv. Go Grant eligibility is based on enrollment levels as of the 14th class day. If the student was eligible for the award on the 14th class day, no refund is due to LOSFA. Pell adjustments after the 14th class day will not impact the level of GO Grant funding. If a student withdraws from the University prior to the 14th class day and the Financial Aid office does not become aware of the withdrawal until after it has already billed for the student, then a refund will be due to LOSFA since the student did not meet the enrollment criteria to receive the grant.

v. Go Grant eligibility is contingent on the student receiving a Pell Grant. If a student loses their Pell Grant eligibility for a specific semester, then they will also lose their GO Grant eligibility. For instance, if a student never attends all of their coursework for a given semester, then they

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are no longer considered Pell eligible for that semester, and therefore, is ineligible for the GO Grant. In these such cases the GO Grant will be refunded to LOSFA.

**<u>LCU Go Grant Contact Information</u>**

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[1] **Residency:** Louisiana resident as of the day the FAFSA is filed, and Louisiana is the student's true and fixed domicile as reported on the FAFSA. If student's state of residence on the FAFSA is not reported as LA, but a dependent student claims that a non-custodial parent is a Louisiana resident, or that parents are Louisiana residents living out of state, LOSFA will determine residency based on the completion, by the parents, of a residency affidavit.

[2] Scholarships/Grants from outside entities such as private organizations, businesses, etc. are not deducted as gift aid.
The <u>semester award amount</u> is determined by dividing the annual award (whether determined by the Go Grant eligibility calculation, the Program max or the institutionally set amount) by the number of semesters at that institution.
[3] The institution's packaging policy should be made available to students – website, handbook, etc.

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