The Board of Regents approved changes to the Go Grant Framework beginning with the 2013-2014 award year.

Under the new framework, institutions will have the ability to structure the award to best fit the needs of their student population, while making the best use of scarce state financial aid dollars.
Go Grant Framework Changes for 2013 - 2014

Changes to the framework include:

– Substantial changes to the minimum and maximum annual award amounts
– Maximum lifetime award
– Manner in which students’ awards are packaged
– Requirement for institutional policy regarding packaging of a Go Grant award

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Go Grant Framework Changes for 2013 - 2014


• Please review carefully to ensure compliance.
Go Grant Framework 2013 - 2014

• **Eligibility Requirements**

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

– Be a Louisiana resident

(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. LOSFA will determine residency based on the completion, by the parents, of a residency affidavit for those dependent students that claim that a non-custodial parent is a Louisiana resident or that parents are Louisiana residents living out of state.

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Go Grant Framework 2013 - 2014

• **Eligibility Requirements, cont.**
  – File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  – Receive a federal Pell grant
    *(Student must not only be eligible, but actually receive Pell grant funds.)*
  – Have remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid (“gift aid”) from student’s Cost of Attendance (COA)

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Go Grant Framework 2013 - 2014

• **Eligibility Requirements, cont.**
  – Be a student enrolled in an eligible Louisiana institution on at least a half-time basis (minimum 6 hours at semester school or 4 hours at a quarter school)

  *(Part-time students are no longer eligible)*

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Go Grant Framework
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• Campus Allocations
  – 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.

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Go Grant Framework
2013 - 2014

• **Award Amounts**
  
  – Award amounts to eligible students are based on the institutions allocation and their packaging policy.
  – Awards may vary with each academic year.
  – Awards will not be paid for summer sessions, quarters or terms.

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Go Grant Framework 2013 - 2014

• Award Amounts, cont.

  – Maximum and minimum annual award amounts for the 2013-2014 academic year:

  • Minimum Annual Award - $300
  • Maximum Annual Award - $3,000

(Annual award amounts may vary based on your school’s Packaging Policy, but must not be less than $300 and must not exceed $3,000)
Go Grant Framework
2013 - 2014

• **Award Calculations**

  – Institutions are expected to make a good faith effort to distribute their Go Grant allocations in a manner that reaches students with the most financial need to bring their maximum financial need met with gift aid to 60%.

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Award Calculation

COA= $17,500
EFC= $1,500
Need $16,000

60% of need ($16,000) = $9,600

Gift aid, inclusive of the Go Grant amount should not exceed $9,600 for this example.

(Examples of gift aid include Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, TOPS, TOPS stipends and institutional scholarships.)
Award Calculation - Example #1:

COA = \$ 15,837

- EFC = \$ 576

= Financial Need \$ 15,261

60\% \text{ of Need (}$13,524$) =\$ 9,156

- Federal/State Gift Aid =\$ 5,095

Go Grant Eligibility =\$ 4,061

(Annual Go Grant Award limited to $3,000 maximum; 300 minimum)
Award Calculation - Example #2:

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\begin{align*}
\text{COA} &= \$13,524 \\
\text{- EFC} &= \$0 \\
\text{= Financial Need} &= \$13,524
\end{align*}
\]

60\% \text{ of Need} \ (\$13,524) = \$8,114

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\begin{align*}
\text{- Federal/State Gift Aid} &= \$5,645 \\
\text{Go Grant Eligibility} &= \$2,469
\end{align*}
\]

(Annual Go Grant Award limited to \$2,469 maximum; 300 minimum)
Award Calculation - Example #3:

COA = $7,045

- EFC = $4,567

= Financial Need $2,478

60% of Need ($2,478) = $1,487

- Federal/State Gift Aid = $1,195

Go Grant Eligibility = $292

(No Go Grant award - eligibility less than $300 annual minimum)
Award Calculation - Example #4:

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\begin{align*}
\text{COA} &= \$19,679 \\
- \text{EFC} &= \$4,675 \\
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\text{= Financial Need} &= \$15,004
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60% of Need ($15,004) = $9,002

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\begin{align*}
- \text{Federal/State Gift Aid} &= \$8,675 \\
\text{Go Grant Eligibility} &= \$327
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(Annual Go Grant Award limited to $327 minimum)
Award Calculation - Example #5:
(Fall semester calculation)

\[ \text{COA} = \$9,582 \]
- \[ \text{EFC} = \$1,690 \]
\[ = \text{Financial Need} \quad \$7,892 \]

60% of Need ($7,892) = $4,735
- Federal/State Gift Aid = $3,995

Go Grant Eligibility = $ 740

(Annual Go Grant Award limited to $740 maximum; 300 minimum)
Award Calculation - Example #6:
(Spring Semester Calculation)

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\text{COA} & = \$ 6,177 \\
- \text{EFC} & = \$ 0 \\
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\text{Financial Need} & = \$ 6,177
\end{align*}
\]

60% of Need ($6,177) = $3,706

- Federal/State Gift Aid = $5,645

Go Grant Eligibility = $-1,939

(No Go Grant award – No unmet need)
Go Grant Framework 2013 - 2014

- **Packaging Policy**

Institutions must have a written packaging policy for Go Grant Awards that provides the following:

- Semester, quarter or term award amounts that are equal to the annual maximum amount at the institution divided by the number of semesters, quarters or terms during the academic year, excluding summer sessions, quarters and terms.

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Packaging Policy Requirements, cont.

- Bases for any institutionally set maximum award amount that is less than the authorized maximum amount established in the framework;
- Priority for students who are 25 or over;
- Award amounts for less than full-time students;
Packaging Policy Requirements, cont.

- Procedures for identification of transfer and re-entering students that ensure such students receive awards on the same basis as continuing students;

- Eligibility Criteria.

(NOTE: Eligibility criteria MAY NOT:

Use any academic criteria other than Satisfactory Academic Progress for receipt of Title IV aid; or

Automatically eliminate students receiving a TOPS award)
Go Grant Framework 2013 - 2014

- Renewal Requirements
  - Must file a FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA at least annually
  - Continue receiving a Federal Pell Grant
  - Have remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid ("gift aid") from Student’s Cost of Attendance (COA);
  - Award can be renewed for subsequent years to a maximum lifetime award that correlates to that of the Federal Pell Grant

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Go Grant Billing Deadlines

Fall Semester/Term – November 1
(billing corrections – November 16)

Winter Term – January 17
(billing corrections – February 1)

Spring Semester/Term – March 24
(billing corrections – April 11)

*Deadlines will be the next business day if scheduled deadlines fall on a weekend or holiday.*

Late billings will require approval

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Go Grant Billing Process

- Payment requests can be submitted individually via web entry on the Awards system, or
- Uploaded in a batch file on the Awards System
- Payment Requests are processed weekly on Thursday afternoon
- Payment Rosters and Error Reports are available on Award System after processing

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Go Grant Billing Reminders

• Bill for eligible students up to your allocation amount

• Check all reports each time payments are submitted for processing and submit corrections timely; Do not submit duplicate payments.

• Keep a record of eligible students enrolled in excess of your allocation in the event there are unused funds that can be redistributed after the final Spring billing date
Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

• Minimal changes have been made to the Go Grant Payment Request screen for 2013-2014

• Log on to Award System with your user ID and Password

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Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

- From the screen below, select the Payments tab:

https://osfa.la.gov/
Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

- Select Go Grant Payment Requests:

[Image of the LOSFA QA Test Site]

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Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

- Select **Add** to enter a new payment request:

![Go Grant Payment Requests](https://osfa.la.gov)
Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

- Enter student’s SSN and appropriate Term, then click **Find Student:**

![Go Grant Payment Request screenshot](https://example.com/go-grant-payment-request.png)
Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

If Student Information already exists on the Award System, Student’s Name and Date of Birth will populate.
Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

- A list of saved payment requests in Pending status is created. To enter another request, select **Add** and repeat the process:

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Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

• If no student record currently exists on the Award System for the SSN entered, the following message will display:

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Go Grant Billing
(Individual Web Entry)

• If no FAFSA exists on the Award System for the SSN entered, the following message will display:

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Go Grant Billing
(Batch File)

• The Batch File Format will not change for 2013-2014

• Certain fields will no longer be used, either leave those fields blank or enter zeroes

• Batch Files should be submitted in ALL CAPS
GO GRANT BATCH PAY REQUEST FILE – 20131015

Submit upload data in all caps

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Go Grant Billing
(Batch File)

- When your data is complete, go to the "File Menu" and select "Save As."

"Formatted Text (Space delimited) (*.prn)"

You should get two warning messages.
Go Grant Billing
(Batch File)

Then select the **Upload Files** function:
Go Grant Billing
(Batch File)

Select Go Grant from the Program drop-down:
Go Grant Billing (Batch File)

Select Payments as Upload Type:

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(Batch File)

Browse your saved files, attach the appropriate Payment Request file, then select **Upload**:

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Go Grant Billing
(Reports)

Reports available on Award System:
Payment Request, Payment Roster and Error Roster

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(Payment Request Reports)

Multiple Payment Request status reports, filtering methods and data output types are available.

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(Payment Roster Reports)

Multiple filtering methods and data output types are also available for Payment Roster reports.

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Go Grant Billing
(Payment Error Roster)

Payment Error Roster screen is not Program specific, the Program must be selected.

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Please help us to stay current by providing updates to your school’s contact data when staff changes occur.

Thank you for participating in this Go Grant 2013-2014 Review!

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