



WV Invest Grant Changes

April 29, 2026





Changes

- Drug screen eliminated starting with Summer 2026 term
- 6-semester limit based upon enrollment intensity
 - No longer based on 90 attempted credits
 - Those with an associate degree may be eligible
 - Those with a bachelor's degree are still not eligible unless pursuing a program in EMS under CIP 51.0904



New Institution Eligibility Reason

- **> 6 Semester**
 - FAMS driven. Institution cannot select this.

New Adjust Code

- **Semester Limit Reached**
 - FAMS driven. Institution cannot select this.

Removed starting 2026-2027

- Institution Eligibility Reason: 90+ hours/Associate Degree
- Adjust Code: 90+ hours/Associate Degree



Certification Changes

- When certified as eligible, Prom Note field immediately changes to P
- This sets system ready to create the Promissory Note, which will happen the same day award letter sent
- Once Certified as Eligible, Amount and Start Date fields are locked. Certify button is disabled.
- Make sure all fields are correct BEFORE hitting Certify button



Ineligible Nuance Reminder

- If was first certified as Ineligible and is now eligible, no changes.
 - Click Edit, complete necessary fields, hit Certify
 - MUST input all fields before hit Certify again once Institution Eligibility shows as Eligible again.
- If changing from certified as Eligible to Ineligible (entire year not term only), contact HEPC first.
 - Certify button is disabled because promissory note has been issued or was completed.
 - Has always been this way
 - If update and Save, no communication is sent to student and award code does not update
 - HEPC will open FAMS so record can be certified



Drug Screen fields

- For 2026-2027 only will continue to see
 - Drug Screen Results = Negative
 - Drug Screen Date populating
 - Populates when certified (both when eligible, results only when ineligible)
- **No** drug screens are being taken or imported into FAMS
- Students canNOT see this
- Inputting info allowed for quicker implementation of changes



Semester Limit fields

- New in the application and term boxes
 - Included on file exports
- 6 is limit
- 1 equals 1 full time (12+ hours) of award used
- Shows usage limit up to application year BEFORE certifying as eligible
- Certifying or Saving will update the Semester Limit fields based on anticipated usage (Credit Hours) for terms an award entered

Term	Credit Hours	Amount used
1		.08
2		.17
3		.25
4		.33
5		.42
6		.50
7		.58
8		.67
9		.75
10		.83
11		.92
12		1



Credit Hours Attempted

- New in the term boxes
- Will default to 12+ hours
- Will need corrected to actual hours receiving funds
 - Can immediately update or wait until reconcile
 - *Must* update with reconciliation
 - Cannot update for less than 6 hours. Only HEPC has ability to update to LTHT via DPC appeal
 - When not eligible, adjust code and adjust amount updates will alter calculation
- Working on a batch upload process
 - When DPC appeal approved for less than 6 hours, cannot update student with batch upload.
 - If remaining eligibility is for less than 6 hours worth, work with HEPC

New Semester Limit and Credit Hours Attempted fields

Education Level Confirmation Number
Institution Academic Level
Semester Limit

Drug Screen Result
Drug Screen Date
Adjust Code
Adjust Amount
Modified By
Modified Date
Community Service
Apply for Summer term
Credit Hours Attempted
Semester Limit:

50 Day window
Drug Screen Result
Drug Screen Date
Adjust Code
Adjust Amount
Modified By
Modified Date
Community Service
Credit Hours Attempted
Semester Limit:



Scenario 1 Has never received funds

Initial review

Education Level

Institution

Semester Limit

Summer

Apply for Summer term

Credit Hours Attempted

Semester Limit:

Fall

Credit Hours Attempted

Semester Limit:

Spring

Credit Hours Attempted

Semester Limit:

Because not certified with anything in semester boxes, Semester Limit reflect usage up to this point



Scenario 1 Has never received funds

Eligible Summer, Fall, Spring at full time

Input all the same info – Completion Date, COA, Amounts, Start Dates

When hit Certify, all Semester Limit fields update

Education Level

Institution

Semester Limit

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Institution: Pierpont Community and Technical College	Institution: Pierpont Community and Technical College	Institution: Pierpont Community and Technical College
Amount: 1500	Amount: 3000	Amount: 3000
Start Date: 5/16/2026	Start Date: 8/15/2026	Start Date: 1/15/2027
60 Day Window: 3/17/2026	60 Day Window: 6/16/2026	60 Day Window: 11/16/2026
Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative
Drug Screen Date: 3/17/2026	Drug Screen Date: 6/16/2026	Drug Screen Date: 11/16/2026
Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined
Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0
Modified By:	Modified By:	Modified By:
Modified Date:	Modified Date:	Modified Date:
Community Service: N	Community Service: N	Community Service: N
Apply for Summer term: N	Community Service: N	Community Service: N
Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+
Semester Limit: 1	Semester Limit: 2	Semester Limit: 3



Scenario 1 Has never received funds

If change Summer Credit Hours Attempted to 6 because you know up front student is only taking 6 hours.

Education Level

Institution

Semester Limit

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Institution: Pierpont Community and Technical College	Institution: Pierpont Community and Technical College	Institution: Pierpont Community and Technical College
Amount: 1500	Amount: 3000	Amount: 3000
Start Date: 5/16/2026	Start Date: 8/15/2026	Start Date: 1/15/2027
60 Day Window: 3/17/2026	60 Day Window: 6/16/2026	60 Day Window: 11/16/2026
Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative
Drug Screen Date: 3/17/2026	Drug Screen Date: 6/16/2026	Drug Screen Date: 11/16/2026
Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined
Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0
Modified By: musgrave3	Modified By:	Modified By:
Modified Date: 4/16/2026	Modified Date:	Modified Date:
Community Service: N	Community Service: N	Community Service: N
Apply for Summer Term: No	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+
Credit Hours Attempted: 6	Semester Limit: 1.50	Semester Limit: 2.50
Semester Limit: 0.50		



Scenario 1 Has never received funds

End of year reconciled, spring Adjust Amount reduced because Credit Hours Attempted were 9. Application and Spring Semester Limits updated.

Institution	WV Northern Community College	Academic Level	Associate Degree	Academic Program	Electro-Mechanical Technology	Program Other	
Semester Limit	2.25						
Transaction Number		FAF Number	044	Primary EFC	5497	Pell	1900
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	Y	Certified Date	4/16/2026
Anticipated Completion Date	5/15/2028	Cost of Attendance	20000	Award Code	A	Certified By	musgrave3
Summer Semester		Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Institution	WV Northern Community College	Institution	WV Northern Community College	Institution	WV Northern Community College		
Amount	1500	Amount	3000	Amount	3000		
Start Date	5/15/2026	Start Date	8/15/2002	Start Date	1/15/2002		
60 Day Window	3/16/2026	60 Day Window	6/16/2002	60 Day Window	11/16/2001		
Drug Screen Result	Negative	Drug Screen Result	Negative	Drug Screen Result	Negative		
Drug Screen Date	3/16/2026	Drug Screen Date	6/16/2002	Drug Screen Date	11/16/2001		
Adjust Code	Award	Adjust Code	Award	Adjust Code	Award		
Adjust Amount	1500	Adjust Amount	3000	Adjust Amount	3000		
Modified By	musgrave3	Modified By	musgrave3	Modified By	musgrave3		
Modified Date	4/16/2026	Modified Date	4/16/2026	Modified Date	4/16/2026		
Community Service	N	Community Service	N	Community Service	N		
Apply for Summer Term	Maybe	Credit Hours Attempted	12+	Credit Hours Attempted	9		
Credit Hours Attempted	6	Semester Limit:	1.50	Semester Limit:	2.25		
Semester Limit:	0.50						



Scenario 2 Has received funds, close to limit
Semester limit before certifying is 4. Has 2 full-time terms of eligibility remaining.

Institution	WVU at Parkersburg	Academic Level	Associate Degree	Academic Program	Elementary Education	
Semester Limit	4					
Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	130	Primary EFC	68309	Pell
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	N	Certified Da
Anticipated Completion Date		Cost of Attendance		Award Code		Certified By



Scenario 2 Has received funds, 2 semesters remaining
Trying to input 3 semesters of award.
Below is before Certify

Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	130	Primary EFC	68309	Pell	
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	N	Certified Date	
Anticipated Completion Date	05/25/2027	Cost of Attendance	18543	Award Code		Certified By	

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Institution: Select Summer Institution	Institution: Select Fall Institution	Institution: Select Spring Institution
Amount: 3500	Amount: 3700	Amount: 3700
Start Date: 05/05/2026	Start Date: 08/05/2026	Start Date: 01/15/2027
60 Day Window: 3/6/2026	60 Day Window: 6/6/2026	60 Day Window: 11/16/2026
Drug Screen Result: No Result	Drug Screen Result: No Result	Drug Screen Result: No Result
Drug Screen Date:	Drug Screen Date:	Drug Screen Date:
Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined
Adjust Amount:	Adjust Amount:	Adjust Amount:
Modified By:	Modified By:	Modified By:
Modified Date:	Modified Date:	Modified Date:
Community Service: N	Community Service: N	Community Service: N
Apply for Summer Term: No	Credit Hours Attempted: 0	Credit Hours Attempted: 0
Credit Hours Attempted: 0	Semester Limit:	Semester Limit:

Buttons: Save, Certify, Cancel, Back to Search

Citizenship: Overridden
Residency: Overridden



Scenario 2 Has received funds, 2 semesters remaining
Semester Limit exceeded after fall. Adjust code updates to ineligible reason.
Summer and Fall can be awarded. Can leave Spring, but cannot award.

Semester Limit 7

Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	130	Primary EFC	68309	Pell	
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	P	Certified Date	4/16/2026
Anticipated Completion Date	5/25/2027	Cost of Attendance	18543	Award Code	P	Certified By	musgrave3

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Institution: WVU at Parkersburg	Institution: WVU at Parkersburg	Institution: WVU at Parkersburg
Amount: 3500	Amount: 3700	Amount: 3700
Start Date: 5/5/2026	Start Date: 8/5/2026	Start Date: 1/15/2027
60 Day Window: 3/6/2026	60 Day Window: 6/6/2026	60 Day Window: 11/16/2026
Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative
Drug Screen Date: 3/6/2026	Drug Screen Date: 6/6/2026	Drug Screen Date: 11/16/2026
Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Semester Limit Reached
Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0
Modified By:	Modified By:	Modified By:
Modified Date:	Modified Date:	Modified Date:
Community Service: N	Community Service: N	Community Service: N
Apply for Summer Term: No	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+
Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Semester Limit: 6	Semester Limit: 7
Semester Limit: 5		

Semester Limit changes to **RED** when close to limit



Scenario 2 Has received funds, 2 semesters remaining
If Summer is only 6 hours. Changes future eligibility.
Still not eligible for full time in Spring but...

Semester Limit <input type="text" value="6.50"/>			
Transaction Number <input type="text" value="1"/>	FAF Number <input type="text" value="130"/>	Primary EFC <input type="text" value="68309"/>	Pell <input type="text"/>
Eligible <input type="text" value="Y"/>	Institution Eligibility <input type="text" value="Eligible"/>	Promissory Note <input type="text" value="P"/>	Certified Date <input type="text" value="4/16/2026"/>
Anticipated Completion Date <input type="text" value="5/25/2027"/>	Cost of Attendance <input type="text" value="18543"/>	Award Code <input type="text" value="P"/>	Certified By <input type="text" value="musgrave3"/>
Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
Institution <input type="text" value="WVU at Parkersburg"/>	Institution <input type="text" value="WVU at Parkersburg"/>	Institution <input type="text" value="WVU at Parkersburg"/>	
Amount <input type="text" value="3500"/>	Amount <input type="text" value="3700"/>	Amount <input type="text" value="3700"/>	
Start Date <input type="text" value="5/5/2026"/>	Start Date <input type="text" value="8/5/2026"/>	Start Date <input type="text" value="1/15/2027"/>	
60 Day Window <input type="text" value="3/6/2026"/>	60 Day Window <input type="text" value="6/6/2026"/>	60 Day Window <input type="text" value="11/16/2026"/>	
Drug Screen Result <input type="text" value="Negative"/>	Drug Screen Result <input type="text" value="Negative"/>	Drug Screen Result <input type="text" value="Negative"/>	
Drug Screen Date <input type="text" value="3/6/2026"/>	Drug Screen Date <input type="text" value="6/6/2026"/>	Drug Screen Date <input type="text" value="11/16/2026"/>	
Adjust Code <input type="text" value="Undetermined"/>	Adjust Code <input type="text" value="Undetermined"/>	Adjust Code <input type="text" value="Semester Limit Reached"/>	
Adjust Amount <input type="text" value="0"/>	Adjust Amount <input type="text" value="0"/>	Adjust Amount <input type="text" value="0"/>	
Modified By <input type="text" value="musgrave3"/>	Modified By <input type="text"/>	Modified By <input type="text" value="musgrave3"/>	
Modified Date <input type="text" value="4/16/2026"/>	Modified Date <input type="text"/>	Modified Date <input type="text" value="4/16/2026"/>	
Community Service <input type="text" value="N"/>	Community Service <input type="text" value="N"/>	Community Service <input type="text" value="N"/>	
Apply for Summer Term <input type="text" value="No"/>	Credit Hours Attempted <input type="text" value="12+"/>	Credit Hours Attempted <input type="text" value="12+"/>	
Credit Hours Attempted <input type="text" value="6"/>	Semester Limit: <input type="text" value="5.50"/>	Semester Limit: <input type="text" value="6.50"/>	



Scenario 2 Has received funds, 2 semesters remaining
Can receive up to 6 hours in spring. Update Credit Hours Attempted.
Can ONLY pay 6 hours. Please make notes in your system.

Semester Limit

Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	130	Primary EFC	68309	Pell	
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	P	Certified Date	4/16/2026
Anticipated Completion Date	5/25/2027	Cost of Attendance	18543	Award Code	P	Certified By	musgrave3

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Institution: WVU at Parkersburg	Institution: WVU at Parkersburg	Institution: WVU at Parkersburg
Amount: 3500	Amount: 3700	Amount: 3700
Start Date: 5/5/2026	Start Date: 8/5/2026	Start Date: 1/15/2027
60 Day Window: 3/6/2026	60 Day Window: 6/6/2026	60 Day Window: 11/16/2026
Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative	Drug Screen Result: Negative
Drug Screen Date: 3/6/2026	Drug Screen Date: 6/6/2026	Drug Screen Date: 11/16/2026
Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined	Adjust Code: Undetermined
Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0	Adjust Amount: 0
Modified By: musgrave3	Modified By:	Modified By: musgrave3
Modified Date: 4/16/2026	Modified Date:	Modified Date: 4/16/2026
Community Service: N	Community Service: N	Community Service: N
Apply for Summer Term: No	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Credit Hours Attempted: 6
Credit Hours Attempted: 6	Semester Limit: 5.50	Semester Limit: 6
Semester Limit: 4.50		



Scenario 3 Becomes ineligible in later term

Started at 1.17 usage. Uses .5 Summer 1 Fall. Spring is academically ineligible (SAP). Adjust code/award amount is updated. Credit Hours Attempted will remain, Semester Limit Calculation will update.

Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Institution: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	Institution: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	Institution: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Amount: 5000	Amount: 5000	Amount: 5000
Start Date: 5/26/2026	Start Date: 8/17/2026	Start Date: 1/19/2027
60 Day Window: 3/27/2026	60 Day Window: 6/18/2026	60 Day Window: 11/20/2026
Drug Screen Result: No Result	Drug Screen Result: No Result	Drug Screen Result: No Result
Drug Screen Date: 3/27/2026	Drug Screen Date: 6/18/2026	Drug Screen Date: 11/20/2026
Adjust Code: Award	Adjust Code: Award	Adjust Code: Academically Ineligible
Adjust Amount: 2376	Adjust Amount: 4983	Adjust Amount: 0
Modified By: musgrave3	Modified By: musgrave3	Modified By: musgrave3
Modified Date: 4/17/2026	Modified Date: 4/17/2026	Modified Date: 4/17/2026
Community Service: Y	Community Service: Y	Community Service: N
Apply for Summer Term: Maybe	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+	Credit Hours Attempted: 12+
Credit Hours Attempted: 6	Semester Limit: 2.67	Semester Limit: 2.67
Semester Limit: 1.67		



Scenario 4 Semester Limit reached

When Institution Eligibility shows > 6 Semesters, not eligible for the year or future years

Semester Limit field will also show 6 (not pictured)

Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	127	Primary EFC	0	Pell	7395
Eligible	N	Institution Eligibility	> 6 Semesters	Promissory Note	N	Certified Date	
Anticipated Completion Date		Cost of Attendance		Award Code		Certified By	



Scenario 5 Has Bachelors and in EMS program

- Education Level is Bachelors and Academic Program is EMS, FAMS will determine eligible (as long as all other FAMS-driven reasons good)

Education Level	Bachelor Degree	Confirmation Number	App-26W183273				
Institution	Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	Academic Level	Associate Degree	Academic Program	Paramedic		
Semester Limit	0						
Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	168	Primary EFC	0	Pell	
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	N	Certified Date	
Anticipated Completion Date		Cost of Attendance		Award Code		Certified By	



Scenario 6 Has Bachelors and in EMS program but did not correctly complete application

- Education Level is Bachelors and Academic Program is not EMS
 - Institution Eligibility will show “Has a prior degree”
 - If student is in EMS program, change Academic Program field and certify as normal. Eligible will update to Y and Institution Eligibility will update to Eligible when click Certify.
 - If does not, then there is another issue
 - Tip: If want to confirm Academic Program will lead to Eligible, change that field only and hit save. Institution Eligibility will update. If still ineligible, must hit Certify.



Scenario 6 Has Bachelors and in EMS program

- Change Academic Program but have not certified yet
 - Eligible is N, Inst Elig is Has a prior degree.

Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	122	Primary EFC	0	Pell	
Eligible	N	Institution Eligibility	Has a prior degree	Promissory Note	N	Certified Date	
Anticipated Completion Date	5/15/202	Cost of Attendance	31265	Award Code		Certified By	

- Certified – Eligible, Inst Elig, and Semester Limit all update.

Education Level	Bachelor Degree	Confirmation Number	App-26W171046				
Institution	Mountwest Community and Technical College	Academic Level	Associate Degree	Academic Program	Paramedic Science		
Semester Limit	2						
Transaction Number	1	FAF Number	122	Primary EFC	0	Pell	
Eligible	Y	Institution Eligibility	Eligible	Promissory Note	P	Certified Date	4/16/2026
Anticipated Completion Date	9/15/2022	Cost of Attendance	31265	Award Code	P	Certified By	musgrave3



Recap

- Deadline time element of Drug Screen gone
- 90+ hours/associate degree done – no need to wait on transcripts
- Please review ASAP
 - Students may be waiting to decide until they know eligibility
- Take your time

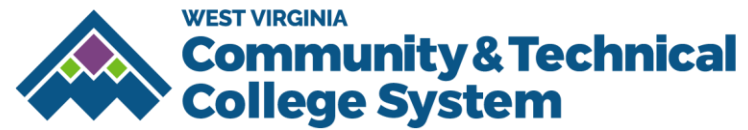
Tip

- When typing in dates, type in a MMDDYYYY

Updated Reference Sheet online

Questions?





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