Census dates (commonly referred to as financial aid “lock dates”) are days in which certain financial aid awards are locked, meaning the amounts of these financial aid awards cannot change after the census date.

**Why should you care about the census dates?**

Certain financial aid award amounts are tied to the number of credit hours you are enrolled in. Therefore, you want to make sure you are in the appropriate amount of credit hours on the census date in order to receive the full amount of that financial aid award you are eligible for. Below we have provided some examples of financial aid awards that have census dates:

**Federal Pell Grant Census date is:**
The Friday of the first week of classes

The Federal Pell Grant financial aid award is initially put onto your student account with your maximum eligibility which is based on assumed full-time enrollment (minimum 12 credit hours). However, the final amount you will receive is based upon how many credit hours you are enrolled in on the census date (i.e. Friday of the first week of classes). As you go down in the number of credit hours you are enrolled in, so does the amount of Pell Grant you are permitted to receive.

The Pell is prorated down for the following increments: Full time (min 12 hours), ¾ time (9-11 hours), ½ time (6-8 hours); < ½ time (1-5 hours)

Once the census date passes, your Pell Grant financial aid award amount cannot be adjusted, even if you choose to adjust how many credit hours you are enrolled in.

**State of Indiana Scholarship and Grant Programs Census date is:**
The Sunday that ends the fourth week of classes

State of Indiana financial aid awards are initially put onto your student account with your maximum eligibility which is based on assumed full-time enrollment (minimum 12 credit hours). However, the final amount you will receive is based upon how many credit hours you are enrolled in on the census date (i.e. Sunday that ends the fourth week of classes).

You must be at full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) at the time of the census date in order to receive the state of Indiana 21st Century Scholarship or Frank O’Bannon Grant (formerly Higher Education Award (HEA)). *If you are not full time on the census date, the entire amount of these state of Indiana financial aid awards will be removed from your account. This could result in a bill.* There are no extensions to this census date deadline for these awards.