Textbook credit for Pell Eligible students

Three days before the start of the semester, Pell Grant eligible students with a credit balance will have their credit balances issued to them as a paper check to purchase books. Students will be notified via email 10 to 3 days before the start of the semester and need to pick up their checks in person at the Business Office.

To qualify for the early credit balance check, students will need to have their financial aid file awarded, accepted, and approved, and have returned a signed financial aid award letter to the financial aid office at least 10 to 3 days before the start of the semester. If a student loan has been accepted, it must be processed and approved (including the credit approval for PLUS loans).

These advance payments are intended to give the student a portion of awarded/approved financial aid funds before the beginning of the semester to help purchase books.

The amount of your credit balance advance may be up to 1 semester’s worth of books based on cost of attendance and depending on the amount of available funds remaining after your total approved and accepted aid exceeds billed tuition, fees, and room and board (for those in campus housing). In order to provide an advance payment to as many students as possible prior the first week of classes, the Financial Aid Office schedules 10 to 3 days before at the beginning of each semester for the distribution of the credit balance.

For questions please contact the Financial Aid Office, at (949) 376-6000, Ext 223 Or e-mail financialaid@lagunacollege.edu.