

“IN FOCUS”

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MAIN ISSUE #1 Program Summary:

Savannah Technical College has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to offer Pell Grant funding to qualified students enrolled in selected short-term certificate programs, like the Commercial Truck Driving program. The U. S. Department of Labor indicates that in the next decade commercial truck driving is one of many jobs with a predicted 21% increase in positions and an increase in wage earning potential. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals base salaries start at approximately \$25,000 up to \$57,000 annually for those owning their own vehicles. Under current regulations, students enrolled in short-term certificate programs are not eligible for Pell Grant funding. This U.S. Department of Education experiment will assist legislators in determining the impact of expanding Pell Grant eligibility for students enrolled in short-term, career-oriented programs. We'll talk about Savannah Tech's programs, the campuses where it's available, how the Pell can help, and how to apply.

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