WILL I GET SUMMER 2017 AID?

Is at least one of the following true:

✔ I received a Pell Grant during Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017 and was enrolled less than full time or not enrolled at least one of those semesters and may have remaining Pell eligibility.

✔ I am or will register in at least 6 credit hours and have not used my full 2016-2017 annual federal loan limit.

✔ I am or will register in at least 6 credit hours and my parent plans to or has applied for a Summer 2017 Federal PLUS Loan.

✔ I have filed a 2016-2017 FAFSA, submitted any required documents and did not use aid for the 2016-2017 year. For loans I will register for at least 6 hours.

TYPES OF AID:

- **Federal Pell Grant** – Awarded to high need students based on a federal formula. The annual award is based on full-time status for two semesters. Students who attend full time both fall and spring have no remaining eligibility for summer. Pell eligible students who did not attend fall and/or spring or were less than full time will be awarded any remaining Pell for summer.

- **Direct Loans (Subsidized/Unsubsidized)** – Federal loans have an annual loan limit. The annual limit applies to Fall 16, Spring 17 & Summer 17. Only students who did not receive the full annual loan limit for fall and spring have summer eligibility. Additionally, federal regulations require undergraduate students to be enrolled in at least 6 hours to be eligible. Annual loan limits:
  - Dependent: Freshman $5,500; Sophomore $6,500; Junior/Senior $7,500
  - Independent: Freshman $9,500; Sophomore $10,500; Junior/Senior $12,500

- **PLUS Loans** – If you are a dependent student who will enroll in at least 6 credit hours for summer, then your parent can initiate the PLUS loan process at studentloans.gov. Select “Summer 05/2017 – 08/2017” as the Loan Period. NIU receives results of the PLUS application electronically. This loan is contingent on credit approval.

- **Private Loans** – Student loans are available from private lenders. Loan applications are initiated with the individual lenders. NIU will receive loan applications electronically. Students should verify with eligibility criteria with each lender. For more information and a list of lenders go to http://www.finaid.org/loans/privatestudentloans.phtml.

- **Other Aid** – Institutional grants and scholarships and most state grants are generally restricted to Fall and Spring. Students who earned funds through the Federal Work Study (FWS) program during the 2016-2017 year will be awarded FWS for summer if registered for at least 6 hours. Students who plan to use the Illinois National Guard Grant, the Illinois Veterans Grant or Federal VA educational benefits must complete the Summer 2017 Enrollment Certification form with Military and Post-Traditional Student Services.