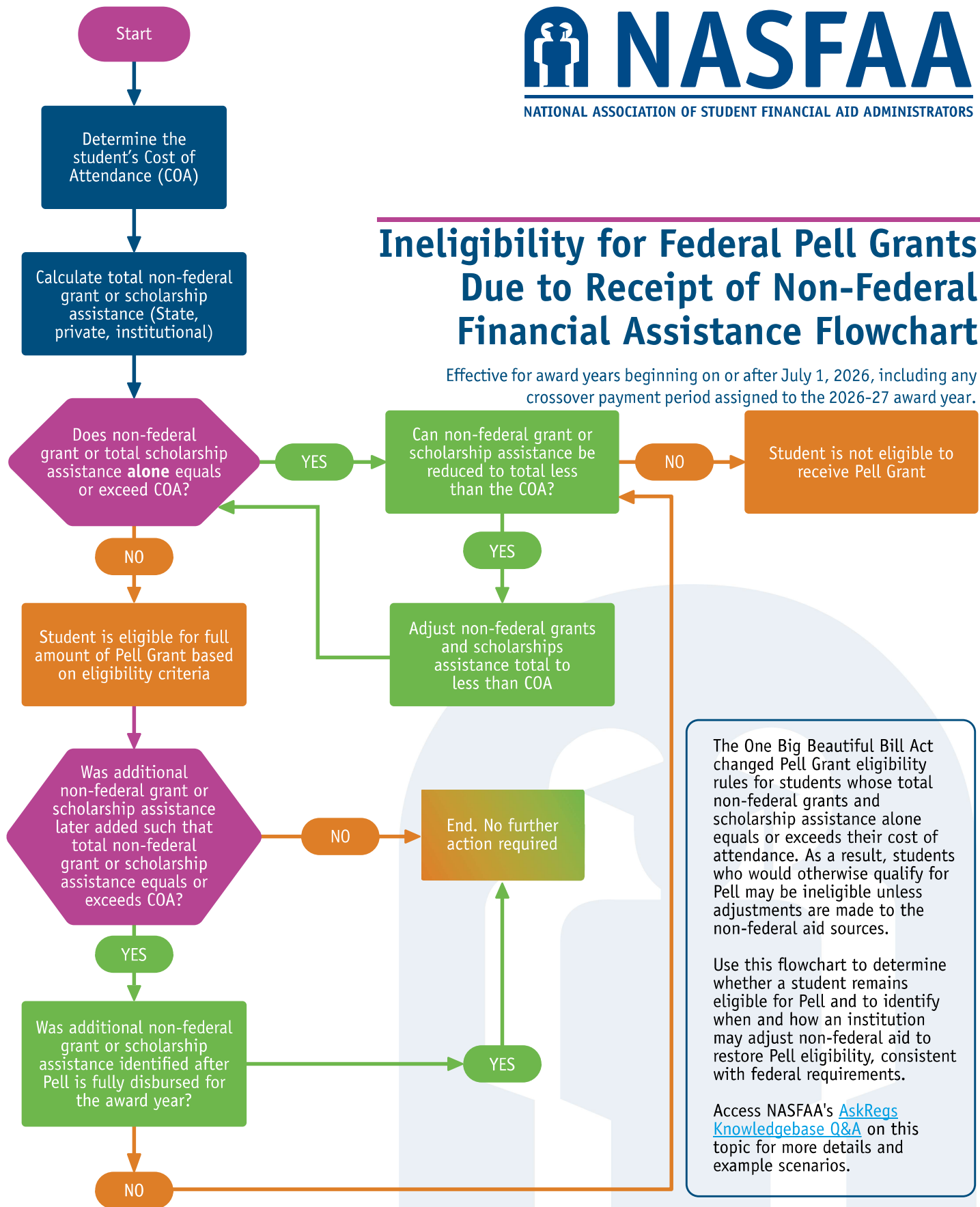


Ineligibility for Federal Pell Grants Due to Receipt of Non-Federal Financial Assistance Flowchart

Effective for award years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, including any crossover payment period assigned to the 2026-27 award year.



The Department of Education (ED) released the Accountability in Higher Education and Access Through Demand-driven Workforce Pell: Pell Grant Exclusion Relating to Other Grant Aid and Workforce Pell Grants (AHEAD) final regulations in the May 19, 2026, Federal Register. In the preamble to the Final Rule, ED indicates that additional subregulatory guidance will be issued to support implementation of certain provisions. All information provided here reflects NASFAA's current understanding of how to apply the May 19 rules based on the regulatory text and preamble discussion. Because ED has indicated that further guidance is forthcoming, this interpretation may be subject to change.