

# ACG – SMART GRANT INFORMATION SHEET

## AC GRANT

An Academic Competitiveness Grant will provide up to \$750 for the freshman year of undergraduate study and up to \$1,300 for the second year of undergraduate study to at least half-time students who are U.S. citizens, eligible non-citizens, eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and who had successfully completed a rigorous high school program, as determined by the state or local education agency and recognized by the Secretary of Education. Sophomore students must also have maintained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 at the end of their freshman year. The program is available for freshman students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2006 and for sophomore students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2005. The Academic Competitiveness Grant award is in addition to the student's Pell Grant award.

If you can answer YES to *all* of the following questions, you may potentially be eligible to receive an Academic Competitiveness Grant.

1. Are you a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen?
2. Did you graduate from high school after January 1, 2005?
3. Are you eligible to receive a Pell Grant?
4. Will you be enrolled at least half-time as a freshman or sophomore student in a two-year or four-year degree program?

**If you could not answer YES to all of the above questions**, you do not qualify to receive an Academic Competitiveness Grant. However, you may still qualify to receive other types of federal student financial aid. If you have not completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), apply at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**If you answered YES to all of the above questions**, you meet the initial requirements for the grant. We will award the grant once we have determined that we have received all of the requested documentation and have verified all the required criteria.

## NATIONAL SMART GRANT

A National SMART Grant will provide up to \$4,000 for each of the junior and senior years of undergraduate study to at least half-time students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens, eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and majoring in physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology, or engineering or in a foreign language determined critical to national security. The student must also be enrolled each semester in the courses necessary to complete the degree program and to fulfill the requirements of the intended eligible major in addition to maintaining a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in coursework required for the major. The National SMART Grant award is in addition to the student's Pell Grant award.

To be eligible to receive a National SMART Grant, you must be able to answer YES to all of the following questions:

1. Are you a US citizen or eligible non-citizen?
2. Are you eligible to receive a Pell Grant?
3. Are you enrolled as at least a half-time junior or senior student in a baccalaureate degree program?
4. Do you have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average?
5. Are you currently enrolled in an eligible major in one of the following categories: Computer Science, Engineering, Critical Foreign Languages, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Technology, or Multidisciplinary Studies? A link to the list of eligible programs can be found at the bottom of the page at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/SmartGrants.jsp>

**If you could not answer YES to all of the above questions**, you do not qualify to receive a National SMART Grant. However, you may still qualify to receive other types of federal student financial aid. If you have not completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), apply at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**If you answered YES to all of the above questions**, you meet the requirements for the grant. We will award the grant once we have determined that we have received all of the requested documentation and have verified all the required criteria.

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