

Academic Competitiveness Grant Application

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Student's Name _____ Student ID # _____
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The Academic Competitiveness Grant is for first-year college students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2006, and for second-year college students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2005. This grant was designed to encourage and reward students who successfully complete a "rigorous" high school program.

Based on the information reported on your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you may be eligible for an Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG.) Eligible first-year students will receive an annual award of \$750. Eligible second-year students will receive \$1,300 for the academic year. We invite you to check out the Department of Education's website at www.studentaid.ed.gov for more information.

Eligibility Requirements for an ACG:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient;
- Be enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program;
- Be enrolled in the first or second academic year of his or her program of study at a two-year or four-year degree-granting institution;
- Have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study, (after January 1, 2006, if a first-year student, and after January 1, 2005, if a second-year student);
- If a first-year student, have completed secondary school after Jan. 1, 2006, and not have been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program; and
- If a second-year student, have completed secondary school after Jan. 1, 2005, and have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for the first academic year.

Check the box (s) below which best describes your status:

- I do not meet the eligibility requirements for an ACG.
- I have previously received an ACG from _____.
(school name)
- I am a first-year student and certify by signing this form I have not been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program.
- I am a second-year student (32 or more credits) and have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.

****To verify ACG eligibility, you MUST have your final high school transcript, which includes your graduation date, attached to this application.**

Eligible students must complete and sign the back of this form.



Read and complete the other side of this form before continuing. To apply, submit this form and your **final high school transcript** to the financial aid office. Your **Final High School Transcript MUST be attached to this application, for consideration.**

When did you graduate high school (month/year)? ____/____

Check (✓) the statement below that determines your rigorous high school program. Be sure and attach your final high school transcript.

- I have completed the State Scholars Initiative requirements.*
 - o Four credits of English;
 - o Three credits in math (including Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry);
 - o Three credits in lab science (biology, chemistry, physics or physical science);
 - o Three-credits in social studies (geography, world history, US history, US government/civics, and economics); and
 - o Two credits in a language other than English.
 - o "C" or better grades in Scholars courses.
- I have completed a set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative requirements.*
 - o Four years of English;
 - o Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - o Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - o Three years of social studies; and
 - o One year of a foreign language.
- I have completed Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*
 - o This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score of 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- I have completed Arizona Dual Credit Coursework Program.*
 - o The program requires a minimum of two dual/community college credit courses taken in any combination of the four core subject areas of math, English, social studies and a lab science.
 - o The math course must be at the Algebra I or higher level of rigor.
 - o All courses must have been completed with a grade of B or higher.

By signing this application, I certify that all the information reported on this application is complete and correct. **I am submitting my final high school transcript with this application.**

Student's Signature

Date

FAO use only:

HS Grad Date _____ 1stYr _____ 2ndYr _____ #Cr/GPA _____

NSLDS Checked _____ Previous School _____

ACG Status _____ Amount \$ _____

Reason for Denial _____