

Academic competitiveness Grant (ACG)

Beginning in 2006-07, qualifying students who have completed rigorous secondary school programs* and are eligible for federal Pell grants can receive an AC Grant for up to \$750 for the first year of study and up to \$1,300 for the second academic year of study. To be eligible for the grant, each academic year, a student must:

- Be a U. S. citizen;
- Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient;
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program;
- Be enrolled in the first or second academic year of the student's program at a two-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, not have been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program; and
- If a second-year student, have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average for the first academic year.

Application form: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

* The U.S. Department of Education has recognized the NYS Regents diploma with honors or a NYS Regents diploma with advanced designation as rigorous high school programs of study for the Academic Competitiveness Grant program.