

Federal Grants

National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grants

Application Form

Completion of the FAFSA

Residency and Citizenship

Be a U.S. citizen, Eligible non-citizen cannot receive a SMART Grant

Award Amounts

An eligible student may receive a National SMART Grant of up to **\$4,000** for each of the third and fourth academic years of study. All annual award amounts for an academic year may be reduced if sufficient funds are not available for all eligible students nationally in an award year.

The amount of the grant, in combination with Federal Pell Grant, other resources and estimated financial assistance, may not exceed financial need (*cost of attendance* minus *EFC* equals *financial need*). A student may not receive more than one ACG or National SMART Grant award in each academic year for which the student is eligible.

Qualifying Program and GPA

- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program
- Be enrolled in a four-year degree-granting institution
- Major in physical, life or computer science, engineering, mathematics, technology, or a critical foreign language
- Have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (as set forth in regulations to be promulgated soon) in the coursework required for the student's major
- GPA is verified every semester
- Pell Grant recipient for the same payment period
- No rigorous high school program required

Under the National SMART Grant Program, the college will identify Pell-eligible federal student aid recipients who are majoring in **physical, life or computer science, engineering, mathematics, technology, or a critical foreign language.**

Further information could be obtained from the website: www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov

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Academic Competitiveness Grants (ACG)

Application Form

Completion of the FAFSA

Residency and Citizenship

Be a U.S. citizen only, Eligible non-citizens cannot receive an ACG Grant

Award Amounts

An eligible student may receive an Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) of up to: **\$750** for the first academic year of study

\$1,300 for the second academic year of study

The amount of the grant, in combination with Federal Pell Grant, other resources and estimated financial assistance and may not exceed financial need (*cost of attendance* minus *EFC* equals *financial need*). A student may not receive more than one ACG or National SMART Grant award in each academic year for which the student is eligible.

Qualifying Programs and GPA

- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program
- Be enrolled in the first or second year of your program of study at a two-year or four-year degree-granting institution (such as CUNY)
- 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 on a 4.0 scale for the first academic year
- Must be a Federal Pell Grant recipient
- No enrollment in a specific major is required

Options for Rigorous Program

There are 3 options for eligibility for the 2006-07 school year for a student from New York:

1. **The New York Regents Diploma with Honors or Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation**

or

2. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.

This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.

or

3. Taking the prescribed set of courses as follows:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math (Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry or Data Analysis and Statistics)
- 3 years of science (Including at least 2 courses from Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
- 3 years of social studies
- 1 year of a foreign language

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