



OAKLAND
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Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)

The Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) is a federal grant program for Federal Pell eligible students. The grant offers an award amount equal to \$750 for 1st year and \$1300 for 2nd year students.

Eligible Institutions: All schools that participate in Pell Grants and offer an eligible educational program must participate in ACG.

Student Eligibility:

1. U.S. Citizen
2. Federal Pell Grant Recipient
3. First or second year student in a two- or four-year program
4. Full-time enrollment

First (1st) Year Students

May not have been previously enrolled in a program of undergraduate education.
Have completed secondary school program of study **after** January 1, 2006

Second Year (2nd) Year Students

Have completed secondary school program of study **after** January 1, 2005.
Have a 3.0 GPA in an eligible program

The ACG requires completion of a rigorous secondary school program. (See the Michigan Plan. Student can qualify under any one of the options listed.)

Award Amounts:

First Year Students – Maximum of \$750 per year

Second Year Students – Maximum of \$1,300 per year. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 from first year based on a 4.0 grading scale.

ACG Application Process:

1. Student must completed the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Student submits copies of high school transcript to the Student Financial Resources and Scholarships office. Home schooled student's parents/guardians must provide documentation showing completion of the home school program.

3. **OCC requests the Verification of Rigorous Program form and other required documentation, if needed, to determine financial aid eligibility.**
4. **OCC Enrollment Services reviews/evaluates transcripts to determine completion of “rigorous” secondary school program using the guidelines in the Michigan Plan approved by the Department of Education.**

OCC Awarding Procedures

1. OCC awards Pell and ACG.
2. First year students will receive \$750 in ACG.
3. Second year students who have **completed 24 credits with a 3.0 GPA will receive \$1300.**
4. OCC disburses awards according to financial aid disbursement schedule.
5. OCC submits payment information to federal government.

Continued Eligibility

1. First year recipients must complete 24 credit hours with a 3.0 GPA to retain eligibility for the second year.
2. Second year students who complete their course of study and transfer to a 4-year institution are considered for the National SMART Grant.

Award Amount:

Maximum of \$4,000 per academic year in third and fourth academic years in an eligible program.

Check with the school you planning to transfer to for more information on the SMART Grant requirements.

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