



Rogue  
Community  
College

# Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) Eligibility Worksheet

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or RCC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

*(NOTE: If you've previously received an ACG at RCC or applied and were notified that you did not meet rigorous high school requirements, there is no need to re-submit this form or documentation.)*

This federal grant program was new as of the 2006/07 academic year. It is designed to provide additional assistance to students during their Freshman and Sophomore years of at least a two-year program who demonstrate academic potential as well as financial need. Up to \$750 is available to qualifying Freshmen and up to \$1,300 for qualifying Sophomores (\$2,050 maximum aggregate value).

For Juniors and Seniors in a four-year college program (not available at RCC), the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant program provides continued resources. Students pursuing high-demand majors in certain fields may be eligible for up to \$4,000 for each of their Junior and Senior years (\$8,000 maximum aggregate value). Therefore, we encourage you to begin working with your academic advisor and transfer college's Financial Aid Office now to see if your intended program may qualify and to develop a plan for maintaining a 3.0+ program grade point average (GPA).

To be eligible for an Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), you must meet certain eligibility requirements.

The following ACG eligibility criteria will be evaluated by RCC's Financial Aid Office using information already available:

- U.S. citizen (aid eligible, non-citizens are not eligible)
- Federal Pell Grant recipient during the academic year
- Full-time (12+ credits) enrollment during the ACG-eligible term
- Major is a 2-year program of study (AS, AA, AGS, AAS) - (Certificate programs are not eligible.)  
NOTE: To be eligible to declare an aid-eligible major, a student must first be admitted.
- Continuing eligibility for prior recipients will be evaluated
- For Sophomore eligibility, a 3.0 cumulative GPA for all program credits taken through the qualifying term
- Prior ACG award history via the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) or other documentation

The remaining ACG eligibility criteria must be self-certified by you using this form as well as documentation you provide:

- Based on your year of high school graduation, answer one of the following by circling "yes" or "no" (*the completion of a GED program in lieu of completing a high school diploma does not qualify as high school graduation for ACG purposes*):

>Did you graduate from high school during 2005 (1/1-12/31), now qualify as a Sophomore (earned at least 36 credits toward a two-year, aid-eligible program over at least three academic quarters), and believe your Freshman program GPA was at least a 3.0?..... Yes / No

>Did you graduate from high school during or after 2006?..... Yes / No  
(Eligibility requires that you had not declared an eligible major and enrolled in college while in high school.)

\*\*\*If you circled "Yes" to either question above, please continue. Otherwise, no need to continue or submit this form.\*\*\*

Once you have completed both sides of this form, submit with appropriate documentation to:

**RCC's Rogue Central Services for Students:**

Redwood Campus, Grants Pass  
3345 Redwood Highway  
Student Services Building  
1 (541) 956-7260, 1

Riverside Campus, Medford  
Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Central  
G Building/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1 (541) 245-7701, 2

Table Rock Campus, White City  
7800 Pacific Ave.  
Room 187  
1 (541) 245-7701, 3

**RCC's Financial Aid Office**

3345 Redwood Highway  
Grants Pass, OR 97527  
Fax: 1 (541) 471-3585

- Based on the following definitions, does your high school program qualify as "rigorous?" (You must check *at least one* category, 1-5, and may check *all that apply*. Appropriate documentation is required for at least one category.):

[ ] **1. Honors or Advanced diploma program of study.** (*Does not apply to Oregon high schools.*)

Documentation: If you completed your high school program in a state other than Oregon and that state has a recognized Honors or Advanced diploma program, provide a copy of your final high school transcript along with documentation that your program is a recognized Honors or Advanced diploma program.

[ ] **2. State Scholars Initiative program.** (*Does not apply to Oregon high schools.*)

This program, supported by Congress, establishes a required set of courses that is patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education (four years of English, three years of math, three years of lab science, three-and-one-half years of social studies, and two years of a language other than English).

Documentation: If you completed your high school program in a state other than Oregon, that state has a recognized State Scholars Initiative program and you believe you successfully complete all required courses, provide a copy of your final high school transcript along with documentation that your program is a qualified State Scholars program.

[ ] **3. A set of courses similar to the State Scholars program (if home-schooled, see #5):**

- 4 years of English;
- 3 years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level class such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Analysis & Statistics);
- 3 years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
- 3 years of social studies; *and*
- 1 year of a foreign language.

Documentation: If your courses included these minimums, provide a copy of your final high school transcript.

[ ] **4. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.**

This program requires a minimum of two passed AP or IB courses and subsequent test scores of at least 3 or 4, respectively.

Documentation: If you believe your AP or IB courses and test scores meet the minimum requirements, submit your final high school transcript. If it does not clearly indicated AP/IB test scores, call 1(888) 225-5427 or use [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/exgrd\\_rep.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/exgrd_rep.html) to request that the College Board submit official test scores to Rogue Community College. Fees apply. Allow 1-2 weeks for College Board processing.

[ ] **5. Parental certification of "rigorous" for students from a home school program.**

Documentation: If you completed high school requirements under a home school program (GED completion in lieu of a high school diploma does not qualify) and believe your studies are equivalent to those listed in the "courses similar to the State Scholars program" section, have one of your parents, whose information was included on your 2007/08 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), review and sign the following statement, as appropriate. In addition, attach a copy of your final high school transcript, listing your completed coursework, by term, and signed by the administrating parent.

*"My son or daughter, named on the reverse side of this form, completed high school requirements under a home school program administered by me. During the course of his/her studies, he/she successfully completed a "rigorous" program as defined by at least the equivalent of 4 years of English, 3 years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level class such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Analysis and Statistics), 3 years of science (including at least two courses in biology, chemistry or physics), 3 years of social studies, and 1 year of a foreign language."*

Signed by Home School Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Self-Certification:**

*"The answers I've indicated above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have attached the appropriate documentation. Please evaluate my eligibility for an Academic Competitiveness Grant. I understand that RCC will review my eligibility and award ACG funds to me as they determine I am eligible. If, at any time and as a result of a change in my eligibility or an unintentional oversight on the part of College staff, my award is cancelled, I understand that I may owe a repayment."*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Student's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_