Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant

The federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) provides assistance for full-time undergraduate students who completed a rigorous high school program of study after January 1, 2005, are receiving a Federal Pell Grant, are U.S. citizens and are enrolled full-time. Eligible students receive an ACG in addition to a Pell Grant. We have already accepted the ACG award for you; when you logon to the SIS-WEB Student Self-Service system, you will see the ACG award on the "Award Information by Year" page.

Maximum Award Amounts:

- ***First-Year Award Maximum:*** $750 for students who have completed a total of no more than 27 credit hours.*
- ***Second-Year Award Maximum:*** $1,300 for students who have completed at least 28 credit hours* and no more than 59 credit hours* and who had at least a 3.0 Cumulative Graduation/Retention GPA at the end of the semester in which the student completed the 28th hour.

***Credit hour totals must exclude any CLEP, IB, AP, or remedial course credits as well as any credit hours earned prior to high school graduation.** The U.S. Department of Education recently changed the federal regulations that specify the way these credits are calculated for ACG eligibility. These changes may cause some students to be ineligible for all or part of either a first year or second year grant, or may delay receipt of the grant.

Remember:

- The award offered is based on your enrolling in, and successfully completing, **at least** 12 hours each fall and spring.
- You must have a 3.0 cumulative graduation/retention GPA at the end of the semester in which you complete the 28th credit hour of college work to receive the Second-Year Award. Your current award may be based on an anticipated 3.0 GPA. If you do not meet the GPA requirement at the time of disbursement, your award will be cancelled.
- Be sure you are aware of any different GPA/hours completed requirements for other types of aid (such as OSU scholarships and federal loans).
- **If you have any questions before changing your enrollment before or during a semester, please contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid prior to making the change.** We are not academic advisors and will not attempt to tell you whether to drop a course, but we can help you and your advisor to make an informed decision by identifying the implications of the enrollment change on the various types of aid you are receiving.

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