



## National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant

The National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant provides assistance for full-time undergraduate students who have successfully completed between 60 credit hours\* in an approved major and no more than the maximum number of hours required for that degree, are receiving a Federal Pell Grant, are U.S. citizens and who meet the grade point average requirements. Eligible students receive a SMART Grant in addition to a Pell Grant. We have already accepted the SMART award for you; when you logon to the SIS-WEB Student Self-Service system, you will see this award on the “Award Information by Year” page.

### **SMART Award Limits:**

- The maximum award amount for eligible students who have completed between 60 and 93 credit hours\* is \$4,000.
- The maximum award amount for eligible students who have completed between 94 and the maximum number of hours\* required for their degree is \$4,000.
- An eligible student cannot receive more than \$8,000 total in SMART funding during his/her education.

**\*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 SMART 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.

### **SMART Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a U.S. citizen and a Federal Pell Grant recipient.
- Have successfully completed between at least 60 credit hours and no more than the maximum number of hours required for an approved degree program.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 Cumulative Graduation/Retention GPA (checked each semester).
- Be enrolled full-time (at least 12 hours each semester) in one of the approved degree programs listed on the next page (checked each semester).
- Be enrolled each semester in one or more classes specifically required for their SMART major (on the right hand side of the degree sheet under “Major Requirements”).

### **Important Information:**

- The award offered is based on your enrolling in, and successfully completing, at least 12 hours each in fall and spring.
- You must have a 3.0 cumulative graduation/retention GPA each semester to receive the 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.
- When determining your eligibility for aid we must, by federal regulation, take into consideration the availability of funds, any aid you will receive from other sources, your class level, enrollment and educational costs; in some cases other aid was revised to account for the new SMART Grant.

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### **Approved Field of Study:**

The following is a list of OSU majors/degrees that match the "Approved Academic Program" set forth by the U.S. Secretary of Education. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in the college, degree **and** major listed below.

<b>Approved Field of Study</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Major</b>
Animal Sciences, General	AG	BS	ANSI
Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Other	AG	BS	PMPV
Entomology	AG	BS	ENTO
Environmental Science	AG	BS	ENVR
Food Science	AG	BS	FDSC
Horticultural Science	AG	BS	HORT
Soil Science and Agronomy, General	AG	BS	PASS
Biochemistry	AS	BS	BIOC
Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology, Other	AS	BS	BIMB
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	AS	BS	BIOL
Biomedical Sciences, General	AS	BS	BMED
Botany/Plant Biology	AS	BS	BOT
Cell/Cellular and Molecular Biology	AS	BS	CLML
Chemistry, General	AS	BS	CHEM
Computer Science	AS	BS	CS
Geology/Earth Science, General	AS	BS	GEOL
Mathematics, General	AS	BA	MATH
Mathematics, General	AS	BS	MATH
Microbiology, General	AS	BS	MICR
Physics, General	AS	BS	PHYS
Russian Language and Literature	AS	BA	RUSS
Science Technologies/Technicians, Other	AS	BS	MTCL
Statistics, General	AS	BS	STAT
Conservation Science	AS	BS	COSC
Zoology/Animal Biology	AS	BS	ZOOL
Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering	EN	BS	AERS
Agricultural/Biological Engineering & Bioengineering	EN	BS	BAE
Architectural Engineering	EN	BEN	ARCE
Chemical Engineering	EN	BS	CHEN
Civil Engineering	EN	BS	CIVE
Construction Engineering Technology/Technician	EN	BS	CMT
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologies/Technicians, Other	EN	BS	EETE
Electrical, Electronics, and Communications Engineering	EN	BS	ELEN
Engineering Technologies/Technicians, Other	EN	BS	GENT
Engineering, General	EN	BUS	UNST
Industrial Engineering	EN	BS	IEM
Mechanical Engineering	EN	BS	MEEN
Mechanical Engineering/ Mechanical Technology/Technician	EN	BS	MET

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide this additional grant to help you fund your education at OSU. We understand the importance of financial assistance to our students and their families, and we look forward to assisting you as you continue your education. If you have any questions about this grant or your financial aid in general, please contact our office.

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