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## Grants

Grants are based on financial need, and are funds that do not have to be repaid. Students must meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for grants. To apply for all grants, you must complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

### Available Grants

#### Federal Pell Grant

##### \*NEW\* Summer 2010

Full time Pell Grant recipients during the fall and spring semesters **may** qualify for an additional summer Pell Grant by enrolling in 6 or more credit hours during the summer semester.

Lifetime Limits for the Pell Grant are limited to 18 full time semesters.

The Federal Pell Grant is available only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree or professional degree, and is based on your Expected Family Contribution. Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) form to apply for a Federal Pell Grant. The current maximum Federal Pell Grant for an eligible student is \$5,350 per academic year, while the minimum amount is \$976 per academic year. It is possible to receive the Pell Grant for enrollment of 3 credit hours or more.

#### Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

The SEOG is for undergraduate students that have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of zero. Funding for the SEOG grant is limited and awarded to early applicants. The maximum SEOG award is \$1002 per academic year. To be eligible for SEOG, you must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

#### Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)

The OTAG is a state-funded grant awarded to undergraduate students who have financial need. OTAG grants are awarded to students who are residents of the state, have an EFC of 1700 or less, are enrolled in at least 6 hours, and meet the OTAG deadline. A student must have completed their FAFSA by April 1 for priority consideration. The maximum OTAG award is \$1,000 per academic year. (Note: Deadlines subject to change and are set by the Oklahoma State Regents)



### **Smart Grant**

**(Federal funding for the Smart Grant will expire at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 academic year and will not be available for the 2011-2012 academic year)**

The Smart Grant is a new grant designed for students within a certain major. The maximum award for the Smart Grant is \$4,000 per academic year, and will not be awarded more than two academic years. To be eligible a student must:

1. Be in their third (junior) and fourth (senior) academic years of study.
2. Be a U.S. citizen.
3. Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient.
4. Be enrolled at a 4-year granting institution.
5. Have and retain at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
6. Be enrolled in a degree program majoring in physical, life or computer science; engineering; mathematics; technology; or a critical foreign language (Education majors are not eligible).

### **Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)**

**(Federal funding for the ACG grant will expire at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 academic year and will not be available during the 2011-2012 academic year)**

The Academic Competitiveness Grant is designed for first- (freshmen) and second-year (sophomore) students who completed a rigorous secondary school program of study. First-year students are eligible for up to \$750 for the academic year, and second-year students up to \$1,300 for the academic year. To be eligible for each academic year a student must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient.
3. Be enrolled full-time in a degree program.
4. Be enrolled in the first or second year of a program of study at a two-year or four-year degree granting institution.

Students must have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study after January 1, 2006 if a student is a first-year student, or after January 1, 2005 if a second-year student. First-year students cannot have been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program, and second-year students must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### **TEACH Grant**

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

To qualify for a TEACH Grant, you must:

1. Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
2. Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
3. Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student in a postsecondary educational institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program.
4. Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a

career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework. Such coursework may include subject area courses (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher).

5. Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).
6. Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

You may now apply for the TEACH Grant by completing this [application](#) (pdf), and submitting it to the Financial Aid Office. You must complete a TEACH Grant application every academic year that you wish to apply for the Grant.

If you would like to read more about this grant, please download the [Teach Fact Sheet](#) (pdf).