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# American Competitiveness

To be successful in the 21st Century, students need advanced skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science and technology, as well as the ability to speak and understand a foreign language.

College scholarships, in the form of Academic Competitiveness Grants, are available to students with financial need who complete a rigorous curriculum in high school. These grants provide up to an additional \$750 for first-year college students and up to \$1,300 for second-year college students who maintain a minimum grade point average. In addition, National SMART Grants of up to \$4,000 are available to low-income college juniors and seniors who major in mathematics, science, technology, engineering or critical foreign languages. Check with your high school guidance counselor or college financial aid advisor to see if you qualify for these grants.

## **For more information:**

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