

New Federal Grants

Two new federal grant programs—the Academic Competitiveness Grant and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant— have been created by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005. These two grants will be awarded to the neediest students as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For additional information, visit the following websites:

- <http://studentaid.ed.gov>
- <http://www.unt.edu/finaid>

Academic Competitiveness Grant

- First year students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2006
- Second year students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2005
- Completed a “rigorous academic curriculum” in high school
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be Pell-eligible as determined by the FAFSA
- Be enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year degree granting school
- Be enrolled in full-time undergraduate hours per term
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA (from end of 1st year)
- The amount of the grant, in combination with the Pell grant and other aid, may not exceed the cost of attendance or cause the student to be over awarded
- Limited to 2 academic years
 - Up to \$750 for your first (freshmen) year of undergraduate study
 - Up to \$1300 for your second (sophomore) year of undergraduate study

National SMART Grant

- Major in one of the following areas: computer science, critical foreign languages, engineering, life sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, technology
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be Pell-eligible as determined by the FAFSA
- Be enrolled in a 4-year degree granting school
- Be enrolled in full-time undergraduate hours per term
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA for all payment periods
- Take at least one course every semester that applies to SMART eligible major. Required core credits will not fulfill this requirement.
- The amount of the grant, in combination with the Pell grant and other aid, may not exceed the cost of attendance or cause the student to be over awarded
- Limited to 2 academic years
 - Up to \$4000 for your third (junior) year of undergraduate study
 - Up to \$4000 for your fourth (senior) year of undergraduate study

If you have questions regarding eligibility for these grant programs, please contact Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.