

# FEDERAL STUDENT AID

## Grant Programs Fact Sheet

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The federal government provides grant funds for students attending colleges, including career colleges and universities. Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid. The major federal student aid grant programs are briefly described below.

Federal Grant Program	Program Details	Annual Award Limits (subject to change)
<b>Federal Pell Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally awarded to students who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree</li> <li>If you are eligible for a Pell Grant, you will receive the full amount for which you qualify</li> </ul>	\$976 to \$5,350
<b>Academic Competitiveness Grant</b>	<p><b>First Year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be eligible for a Pell Grant</li> <li>Must have graduated from high school after Jan. 1, 2006</li> <li>Must have completed a <a href="#">rigorous secondary school program</a> of study</li> <li>Must be enrolled in an <a href="#">eligible program</a> at least half-time</li> </ul> <p><b>Second Year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be eligible for a Pell Grant</li> <li>Must have graduated from high school after Jan. 1, 2005</li> <li>Must have completed a <a href="#">rigorous secondary school program</a> of study</li> <li>Must be enrolled in an <a href="#">eligible program</a> at least half-time</li> <li>Must have at least a 3.0 GPA at the end of the first year of postsecondary study</li> </ul>	<p>Up to \$750</p> <p>Up to \$1,300</p>
<b>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For undergraduates with exceptional financial need</li> <li>Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority</li> <li>Not all colleges participate in the FSEOG program</li> <li>Funds depend on availability at the college; you should apply by your college's deadline, so that you are considered</li> </ul>	\$200 to \$4,000
<b>National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be eligible for a Pell Grant</li> <li>Must be enrolled at least half-time in third or fourth year (or fifth year of a 5-year program)</li> <li>Must be enrolled in an <a href="#">eligible degree program</a> majoring in physical, life, or computer sciences, engineering, technology, mathematics, or a critical-need foreign language</li> <li>Must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA</li> </ul>	Up to \$4,000
<b>Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate students who are/will be taking course work necessary to become elementary or secondary teachers</li> <li>Must agree to serve, for a minimum of four years (within eight years of completing academic program) as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a school that serves low-income students</li> <li>Must attend a participating college and meet certain academic achievement requirements</li> <li>Failure to complete the teaching service commitment will result in the grant funds being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that must be repaid</li> </ul> <p>For more information see the <a href="#">TEACH Grant Fact Sheet</a>.</p>	Up to \$4,000

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