

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

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The Federal ACG is a merit based federal grant program available to freshmen who completed secondary school after January 1, 2006, and sophomores who completed secondary school after January 1, 2005. Students eligible for the ACG receive this award in addition to the Federal Pell Grant.

## **Eligibility**

Students must meet strict eligibility requirements to qualify for the ACG. To qualify the student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and
- Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient, and
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program, and
- Have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study after January 1, 2006, for freshmen, and after January 1, 2005, for sophomores, and
- If a sophomore, have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA for their freshman year

## **Amount**

In the 2010-2011 academic year, freshmen can receive up to \$750 and sophomores can receive up to \$1,300.

## **How Princeton Awards the ACG**

Princeton treats the ACG the same as any external merit based scholarship or grant award. The ACG is included in the student's financial aid award, reducing or eliminating the term and summer job expectations. Princeton grant is reduced only after these student work requirements have been eliminated.