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Academic Competitiveness Grant Verification Form Packet

To High School Official,

On February 8, 2006, President George Bush signed new legislation that created the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG). This grant is intended to provide additional grant money for full-time college students who completed a 'rigorous course of study' during their high school years. The student listed on the attached Verification Form has self certified his/her initial eligibility but still requires confirmation from a high school official.

We need your assistance in verifying whether or not the student has passed one of the rigorous course of study requirements at your school. The California High School requirements are included on page 3 of this Verification Form Packet.

For out-of-state high schools, please refer to the Department of Educations website at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/state-programs06.html> and select the appropriate state listing.

Please indicate which requirement was met; sign and affix your high school seal before returning the completed document to our office.

Your cooperation and attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Alice Kwong
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Cosumnes River College



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ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT (ACG) RIGOROUS COURSE OF STUDY VERIFICATION FORM

Date

Student ID

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Street Address

City

State

Zip

High School Attended

Date Graduated (MM/YYYY)

I hereby authorize high school officials to release information regarding my high school transcript and/or academic records to Cosumnes River College.

Student Signature

Date

The student identified above may be eligible for an additional Federal grant in the amount of \$750-\$1300 based on this verification. It is the student's responsibility to return the completed form to the Cosumnes River College - Financial Aid Office.

High School Office Use Only

The student identified above graduated from on _____ on _____
Name of High School Date Graduated (MM/YYYY)

Please check A. or B. only:

A. _____ **And did not complete** at least one of the following rigorous course of study.

B. _____ **And completed** at least one of the following rigorous course of study: **(Please continue below.)**

____ Completed the State Scholars Requirements

____ Completed the California A – G course requirements

____ Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

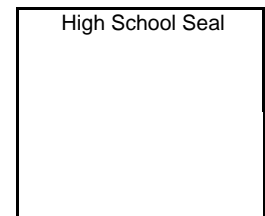
____ AP Exam # _____ Pass\Fail: _____ AP Exam # _____ Pass\Fail: _____

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____ California International Baccalaureate exam score _____

OR

Completed out of state requirements in _____ State Type of requirement: _____



Print name of Principal or Designee

Phone Number

Signature of Principal or Designee

Date

Recent high school graduates (after January 1, 2006 for first year and after January 1, 2005 for second year) may be eligible for an additional grant for up to \$750 for their first year of college and \$1300 for their second year. They must attend college full-time, a U.S. citizen, and be a Federal Pell Grant recipient (the colleges will verify these three criteria). The student must also have completed an eligible rigorous course of study during their years in high school.

The high school must validate whether the student meets one of the following options for eligibility for the 2008-09 school year for a student from **California (out-of-state high schools may find their approved rigorous course of study requirements at the following URL: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/state-programs06.html>)**:

- ***The California Golden State Seal Merit Diploma***
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***California A-G Requirements.*** This program is available to students who complete the normal course requirements for the A-G requirements for admission to the UC or CSU, or complete a modified version of the A-G requirements for admission to the UC and CSU, in which a year-long, career technical education course that meets or exceeds the rigorous academic content standards approved by the State Board of Education may substitute for one of the courses that counts toward completion of the "G" requirement.
 - A. History/Social Science: 2 years required. Two years of history/social science selected from world history, cultures and geography; U.S. history; or, a combination of U.S. History, American government/civics, and economics equal to one year; and
 - B. English: 4 years required. Four years of college-preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement; and
 - C. Mathematics: 3 years required. Three years of college-preparatory mathematics those include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement; and
 - D. Laboratory Science: 2 years required. Two years of laboratory science chosen from biology, chemistry, physics, or physical science. Advanced laboratory science classes that have biology, chemistry or physics as prerequisites and offer substantial additional material may be used to fulfill this requirement. Two years of an approved integrated science program may be used to fulfill this requirement; and
 - E. Language other than English: 2 years required. Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture; and
 - F. Visual and Performing Arts: 1 year required. A single yearlong approved arts course from a single VPA discipline: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art. Courses used to fulfill this requirement must satisfy the five State standards for artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context, aesthetic valuing, and connections, relations and application; and
 - G. College Preparatory Electives: 1 year required. One year, in addition to those required in "A-F" above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "E" requirement or two years of another language).