



## Yuba Community College District Financial Aid Offices

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To Whom It May Concern,

The high school student who is presenting the attached Academic Competitiveness Grant Validation Form may be eligible to receive additional student financial aid for their college education. On February 8, 2006, President George Bush signed new legislation that established the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG). This grant is intended to provide additional grant money for full-time college students who meet the eligibility criteria and completed a 'rigorous course of study' during their high school years.

To determine a student's eligibility we need your assistance in verifying whether the student indicated has passed one of the rigorous course of study requirements for your school. California's recognized "Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study" are included on the back of this letter. For out of state high schools, please refer to the Department of Education's website at: [www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/attachments/0713HERAOperGuidanceAttachA.xls](http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/attachments/0713HERAOperGuidanceAttachA.xls) and select the appropriate state listing.

Please complete the following items:

- Name of the high school
- Date the student graduated
- The rigorous course of study the student completed
- Sign and date the verification form
- and affix your high school seal.

Please return the completed verification form to the Yuba College Financial Aid Office. Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marisela R. Arce".

Marisela R. Arce, Ed.D.  
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**ACADEMIC COMPETITIVE GRANT (ACG)**  
**California Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study**

The high school the student graduated from must confirm if the student successfully completed a rigorous secondary school program of study. Please verify if the student meets **one** of the eligibility options and complete the attached Rigorous Course of Study Verification Form. *Out-of-State high schools may verify the eligibility options for their state at: <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/attachments/0713HERAOperGuidanceAttachA.xls>.*

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in California during the 2008 calendar year are:

- ***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:
  - o Four years of English;
  - o Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
  - o Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
  - o Three years of social studies; and
  - o 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 that 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).

