

Federal Grants

Relax. If a [Federal Grant](#) appears on your award letter, you will receive it regardless of whether or not you accept it. These grants are given to you by the taxpayer to use for your education. You do not need to pay them back.

Each grant has separate requirements for renewal, and it is important to pay attention to them. These are listed below.

Federal Pell Grant

Your eligibility for this grant is redetermined each year when you complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). The amount you receive depends on your enrollment status in a given semester (full-time, 3/4 time, 1/2 time, or less than 1/2 time).

Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)

To continue receiving this grant for your second year of college, you must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA during your first year of college.

Federal Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (SMART Grant)

To continue receiving this grant for your fourth year of college, you must continue maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA and remain working toward a degree in a [qualified major](#).

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

The dollar amount of this grant will renew for you each year provided you maintain [satisfactory academic progress](#). In future years, if SEOG funds are not available when you are packaged, you will receive the same amount from a different need based resource.