



Financial Aid Office

3000 Campus Hill Drive Livermore, CA 94551-9797 (925) 424-1580

**Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
Rigorous Course of Study Validation Form**
(Must be completed AFTER high school graduation)

RETURN TO:
Las Positas College
Financial Aid Office
3000 Campus Hill Drive
Livermore, CA 94551

Name of Financial Aid Applicant *(Please print firmly)*

Last First Middle
LPC ID#: W _____ or SSN: _____

PART A: (To be completed by Student)

Student's Street Address City State Zip

High School Attended Date Graduated (MM/DD/YYYY)

I hereby authorize high school officials to release information regarding my high school transcript and/or academic records to Las Positas College for purposes of verifying my eligibility for the new Academic Competitiveness Grant program.

Student Signature Date

PART B: (to be completed by authorized High School staff only)

The student identified above may be eligible for an additional federal grant in the amount of \$750-\$1300 based on this validation. When validation is complete please return to the Las Positas College Financial Aid Office. Please read enclosed information regarding the ACG program.

The student identified above graduated from _____ on _____
Name of High School MM/DD/YYYY

and completed the following rigorous course of study (see reverse):

- Completed the California A-G Course Requirements with C or higher grades
- Completed State Scholars Requirements as defined on reverse side
- Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
- AP exam # _____ - Pass Fail AP exam # _____ - Pass Fail
- AP exam # _____ - Pass Fail AP exam # _____ - Pass Fail
- California International Baccalaureate (IB) exam - Score _____

This student did NOT complete a rigorous course of study as specifically defined on reverse.

OR

- Completed out-of-state requirements in State of _____ Type of rigorous course requirement _____
(validation must come from out-of-state school).

High School Seal

Print Name of Principal or Designee Phone Number

Signature of Principal or Designee Date

INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT

Recent high school graduates may be eligible for an additional Grant for up to **\$750** for their first year of college and \$1300 for their second year. The student must have completed an ‘eligible rigorous course of study’ while in high school.

The high school must validate whether the student meets one of the following options for eligibility 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-programs.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. **GRADE OF C OR BETTER REQUIRED.**
 - 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).



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To The High School Principal or Designee:

The high school student who is presenting the attached Academic Competitiveness Grant Verification Form may be eligible for additional grant money for their college studies. On February 8, 2006, legislation was signed which created the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG). This grant is intended to provide additional money for full-time college students who completed a 'rigorous course of study' during their high school years.

Community College Financial Aid Offices are able to verify all of the eligibility requirements except one. We need your assistance in verifying whether or not this student has passed one of the rigorous course of study requirements at your high school. If you are a California High School the requirements are included on the back of the form. For out of state high schools, please refer to the Department of Education's website at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/state-programs.html> and select the appropriate state listing.

Please complete the following:

- 1) Indicate the name of your high school and student's graduation date
- 2) Indicate the appropriate rigorous course of study which met the ACG requirement and fill in details as needed, or indicate that the student did NOT meet a rigorous course of study.
- 3) Sign and date the document and affix your high school seal.
- 4) Please mail the form to the Las Positas College Financial Aid Office.

Sincerely,

Andi Schreibman
Financial Aid Officer
Las Positas College