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2009-2010
The Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)

_____ _____/_____
Student Name Social Security Number and Student I D #

Eligibility Requirements

To receive the ACG each academic year, a student must:

- Be Federal Pell Grant eligible during the same award year;
- Be enrolled at least half-time;
- Be enrolled in the first or second academic year of his or her program of study at a two-year or four-year degree-granting institution, or enrolled in a certificate program of study of at least one year (for first year eligibility) or two years (for second year eligibility);
- Have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study (after January 1, 2006, if a first-year student, and after January 1, 2005, if a second-year student);
- If a first-year student, not have been previously enrolled as a regular student in an ACG eligible program while enrolled in high school;
- If a second-year student, have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for the first academic year;

Initial the statement/s below which best describes your status.

_____I have previously received an ACG from _____
(school name)

_____ I am a first-year student and certify by signing this form I have not been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program.

_____ I am a second-year student and if needed **have requested official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended be submitted for transfer evaluation.**

To verify eligibility for ACG, you must have your official high school transcript mailed to the Admissions and Records office of the Maricopa College you will be attending.

Applicant Certification (for first time applicants only)

Based on preliminary screening, I believe I may qualify for the Academic Competitive Grant.

Therefore, on _____ I requested my official high school transcript be sent to
(date)

_____ from _____ _____.
(name of college) (name of high school) (graduation date)

Upon receipt, I am requesting the admissions and records office of the above named college to evaluate these transcripts for rigor and provide the result to their financial aid office.

_____
(student signature) (date)

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Transcript Evaluation for ACG

Student Name_____ Student ID _____

High School:_____ High School Graduation Date:_____

Upon evaluation of the above transcript the above named student has completed the following:

_____ ***Arizona Academic Scholars.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:

- Four credits in English (English 1 – 4);
- Three credits in math (Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry);
- Three credits in lab science (biology, chemistry, physics or physical science)
- Three credits in social studies (geography, world history, U.S. history, U.S. government/civics, and economics)
- Two credits in a language other than English
- All other school district graduation requirements
- "C" or better grades in Scholars courses.

_____ ***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.

_____ ***Arizona Dual Credit Coursework Program.*** The program requires a minimum of two dual/community college credit course taken in any combination of the four core subject areas of math, English, social studies and a lab science.

- The math course must be an Algebra I or higher level of rigor.
- All courses must have been completed with a grad of B or higher.

_____ ***None of the above***.

Evaluation completed by _____on _____

(evaluator's signature) (date)