

## FEDERAL ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT

Your financial aid award letter includes eligibility for the Federal Academic Competiveness Grant (ACG).

Our office is required to verify every student's eligibility. In order to finalize your award, you must first submit one of the following:

- An official copy of your final high school transcript that shows all coursework and grades completed through graduation. Note: If you have already submitted a FINAL transcript to our Enrollment Center, you are not required to submit an additional copy to the Office of Financial Aid.

OR

- Have your high school complete the back of this form and submit to the Office of Financial Aid. For home-schooled students, the form must be notarized, and the parent will act as the certifying authority.

For questions or additional information, contact the Office of Financial by phone at (630) 829-6100 or e-mail at [financialaid@ben.edu](mailto:financialaid@ben.edu).

## High School Verification of Rigorous Coursework

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (student last and first name), graduated from high school in \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year), and completed all of the following courses during their high school career.

Check all appropriate boxes below:

### A. Rigorous Coursework

Check if completed	Requirement
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 years of English
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 years of social studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 years of mathematics (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 year of a foreign language

### B. Dual enrollment criteria

Check if applicable	Requirement
<input type="checkbox"/>	The student has taken a minimum of two community college courses in math, English, social studies, or a lab science. The math courses have to be at Algebra I or higher and all courses must have completed with a B or better.

### C. Certification of non-eligible

Check if applicable	Requirement
<input type="checkbox"/>	This student did not complete the aforementioned coursework.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Certifying School Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
 School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 School Address City, State Zip

\*This is in reference to the Academic Competitiveness Grant from the United States Department of Education. Additional information can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/competitiveness/ac-smart.html>