

The Academic Competitiveness Grant and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Grant (National SMART Grant) for 2007-2008 Academic Year

Two new federal aid programs have been created as of July 1, 2006 that may benefit eligible NC A&T State students. Read the below information to determine if you maybe eligible. All eligibility will be checked by the SFAO before any funds is posted to the student's account each semester.

Academic Competitiveness Grant

You must be:

- A Pell Grant Recipient
- Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
- A U.S. Citizen
- Graduated after January 2006 from a “academically rigorous” high school program
- A full-time freshmen in a degree program
- A full-time sophomore in a degree program and must achieve and maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA & earn at least 30hours
- Freshmen can receive up to a maximum of \$750 per year
- Sophomores can receive up to a maximum of \$1,300 per year

The National SMART Grant

You must be:

- A Pell Grant Recipient
- Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
- A U.S. Citizen
- A full-time junior or senior
- Achieve & maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA each semester
- Admitted in a qualifying major listed below– Math, Science, Technology and/or Engineering Degree Program
- The maximum amount is up to \$4,000 per year

***Eligible students must have an unmet need as determine by federal guidelines and cannot be overawarded or overbudget. The SFAO reserves the right to reduce or cancel the grant if student becomes ineligible or receives additional funding such as scholarships, grants or etc.**

Below are the majors for juniors and seniors that NC A&T State University offers that meet the major qualification as defined by the US Department of Education:

- Animal Science
- Laboratory Animal Science
- Agricultural Economics
- Biology
- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Architectural Engineering
- Biological Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Geomatics
- Computer Science
- Electronics Technology
- Electronics Technology (Computational Technology)
- Construction Management
- Manufacturing Systems

Classification of sophomores, juniors and seniors will be determined by the student completing at least 15 hrs per semester, which is 30 hours per year. Juniors and seniors must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of each semester to be eligible for the grant in the next semester. You must have the cumulative GPA at the end of the spring semester. Students are **not allowed to attend summer school to increase their cumulative GPA.**

*** Information is subject to change based on the finalization from the US Department of Education. Additional information will be forthcoming about these grants.**