

# **FMU ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS (ACG) & NATIONAL SMART GRANT CERTIFICATION**

Student's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

## **General Eligibility Requirements for the AGC & SMART Grants:**

- Must have been awarded a Pell grant for 2008-09
- US Citizen (Cannot be classified as an 'eligible non-citizen')
- Full time student (12 or more hours)

## **ACG will be available to students for their first (0 - 29 hours) and second (30 - 59 hours) years of college.**

- Up to \$750 (\$375 per semester) will be awarded to eligible first-year students and up to \$1300 (\$650 per semester) for second year students.
- First-year students must not have been previously enrolled in a program of undergraduate education and must have graduated from high school after Jan. 1, 2006. Must have completed a rigorous high school program.
- Second-year students must have graduated from high school after Jan. 1, 2005, and have had a least a cumulative 3.0 GPA at the time that they earned 30 hours. Must have completed a rigorous high school program.
- Can only receive ACG once as a first year and once as a second year student.

## **National SMART Grants will be available for students for their third (60 - 89 hours) and fourth (90 - 120 hours) years of college. **\*\*Eligibility terminates at 120 hours.\*\*****

- Up to \$4000 will be awarded to eligible students.
- Must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- Must be pursuing one of the following majors at FMU: **\*\*Eligible majors are subject to change\*\***
  - Computer Science
  - Civil & Electronic Engineering Technology
  - Mathematics
  - Biology
  - Health Physics
  - Physics
  - Chemistry
- Must be enrolled in at least 1 course required for the SMART grant major (**not general education**).
- Can only receive SMART grant once as a third year and once as a fourth year student.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

By signing below I am stating that I understand that:

If, at any point during the year, my GPA falls below the minimum requirements my grant may be deleted and I will be responsible for the balance due the University.

If, at any point during the year, I earn enough hours to fall under different eligibility requirements, my information must be reevaluated by the FA Office to determine if I am eligible for the grant or if the funds must be deleted. If it is determined that I am ineligible and funds must be deleted then I understand that I will be responsible for the balance due the University.

If I am a SMART grant recipient and, at any point during the year, I change my major my grant may be deleted and I will be responsible for the balance due the University.

If for any other reason it is determined that I no longer meet the eligibility requirements, I will be responsible for the balance due the University.

These are new programs so regulations, eligibility requirements, and award amounts are subject to change based on directives from the Department of Education. The ACG and SMART grants are based upon the availability of funds to be appropriated for the program.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to: Francis Marion University / Office of Financial Assistance  
PO Box 100547 / Florence, SC 29501 / Fax: 843-661-1195