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Dear High School Staff:

The student presenting this letter to you needs your assistance in certifying eligibility for the federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG). This grant is for college students enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units) who successfully completed a “rigorous course of study” while in high school and meet all the federal requirements.

On the back of this letter is a “Rigorous Course of Study Validation Form.” After the student completes and signs the top of the form, we need someone at your high school to complete the bottom of the form.

Please make sure you complete all the requested information (high school name, student’s date of high school graduation, how the student met the rigorous course of study requirement) and then sign and date the form. After you affix your high school’s official seal, return the completed form to: Sierra College, Financial Aid Office, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677.

If the student does not meet the requirements, please indicate this on the form along with the name of the high school and the student’s date of high school graduation. Then please sign and date the form and affix your high school seal. Return the completed form to the address in the previous paragraph.

The ACG requirements on the back of this letter are for California high schools only. For out-of-state high schools, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/state-programs.html> and select the appropriate state listing.

Thank you for assisting this student.

Sincerely,

Financial Aid Office

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Rigorous Course of Study Validation Form

Student Instructions: Please complete and sign the top of this form and then submit it to the high school from which you graduated so they can certify your potential eligibility for the ACG.

Date

Student ID #

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Street Address

City

State

Zip

High School Attended

Date Graduated (MM/YY)

I hereby authorize high school officials to release information regarding my high school transcript and/or academic records to Sierra College.

Student Signature

Date

Instructions to high school staff: Please follow the instructions on the back of this form.

The student identified above graduated from _____
Name of High School

on _____ and completed the following rigorous course of study:
MM/YY

_____ Completed the California A-G Course Requirements

_____ Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

_____ AP exam # _____ Score _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____
AP exam # _____ Score _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____

_____ California International Baccalaureate exam –score _____

OR

_____ Completed out-of-state requirements in _____
State

Type of rigorous course requirement

Print Name of Principal or Designee

Phone Number

Signature of Principal or Designee

Date

Return completed form to: Sierra College, Financial Aid Office, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677

High School Seal