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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 Cal Grant C Awards Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides updates to the 2021-22 Cal Grant C awards.

As communicated in [GSA 2021-31](#), the 2021-22 state budget included an expansion to the Cal Grant program by establishing the California Community College (CCC) Entitlement Cal Grant. The new program established Cal Grant A and B entitlement eligibility for students attending a CCC who were not awarded at the time of high school graduation. Students not previously awarded a Cal Grant A or B in any award cycle have now been processed for Cal Grant C awards.

Cal Grant C eligible students will now be awarded in a separate award cycle and will have a cycle ID of 'C3' on the display roster. Students will be processed for a Cal Grant C award under the C3 cycle if they meet the following criteria:

- Submitted a FAFSA or CADAA by the September 2nd deadline (this Cal Grant C deadline also applies to students not in attendance at California Community Colleges)

- Listed a Cal Grant C eligible school, in any position on the FAFSA or CADAA

- Were not awarded Cal Grant A or B in any cycle

- Indicated they will be pursuing an occupational, technical, vocational or other degree/certificate on the FAFSA or CADAA.

2021-22 Cal Grant C Awards for California Community Colleges

As this was the first year of the California Community College Entitlement Program, Cal Grant C awards for students at Community Colleges were processed later in the year to allow students to be considered for this new entitlement program. The Commission has now processed Cal Grant C preliminary awards for California Community College students.

- 54,966 Cal Grant C preliminary awards were offered to current CCC students.

- Students must complete the Cal Grant C Supplement via [WebGrants 4 Students](#) to confirm program eligibility.

- Schools can download the *Cal C Supplement Recipient Report* in WebGrants to confirm submission of students' Cal Grant C Supplement forms.

- Institutions may use the Cal Grant Award Status Extract (ASE) process to identify their Cal Grant eligible students. The ASE process runs on a weekly basis. The ASE procedures and file specifications can be found under the "Help" Menu in WebGrants.

Institutions can create a customized roster to identify these newly awarded students.

- Institutions should watch the [Customizing Roster Training Video](#)
- Cal Grant C students processed under the 'C3' cycle can be identified by selecting "C" under the Program Code option.

Program Code	☐ A ☐ B ☑ C

Cal Grant awards should be disbursed in accordance with the guidelines in [GOM 2021-31](#) and institutional disbursement policy.

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