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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 Cal Grant Awards – Processing Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the initial 2024-25 Cal Grant award processing communicated in GSA 2024-25. The initial run of 2024-25 E1 awards is now scheduled for **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

Cal Grant High School Entitlement Awards (E1 Cycle)

- The Commission will be running its legacy Cal Grant High School Entitlement award cycle (E1 cycle) instead of the modified cycle communicated in GOM 2024-05.

- 2024-25 Cal Grant school changes will not be available until later in May. Schools will be able to utilize the Award Status Extract (ASE) process to identify their Cal Grant awardees.

  - The ASE file specifications will **not** be updated at this time to minimize impact to schools. Name, last name and middle initial field lengths will remain unchanged at this time.

- Students with potential eligibility for the increased access awards for students with dependent children (SWD) will not be flagged during the initial award run. The Commission is working on WebGrants system changes to switch this process from an Opt-Out to Opt-In model.

- Please refer to GSA 2024-25 for additional information on upcoming Cal Grant award changes.

Live Webinar

The Commission is hosting a live webinar to provide additional details on these processing updates for the 2024-25 award cycle on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 3:00 PM**. Register for this webinar.

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