SPECIAL ALERT
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 Unpaid Competitive Cal Grant Award Status**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on 2021-22 competitive Cal Grant A and B awards.

- To date, 10,670 of the 13,000 competitive awards have been paid for the 2021-22 award year (AY), an 82% paid rate.

- In order to reach a 100% paid rate, new competitive awards will be offered to the next cohort of eligible applicants. If you have unpaid competitive students on your roster, please make it a priority to post a payment or adjustment reason code as soon as possible and no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2022**. Awards with any of the following will be withdrawn:

  o Awards without payment or adjustment reason code posted for <u>all</u> terms, or

  o Awards marked 'FI' (File Incomplete)

- Unpaid competitive awardees will be notified via email that their awards may be withdrawn.

- Institutions are advised to customize their WebGrants roster to identify unpaid awarded students. The Customizing Roster Training Video provides brief instruction on customizing your roster.

- SWD students <u>pending</u> to complete their SWD certification will not be withdrawn during this recycle.

After the March 31, 2022, deadline, competitive awards will be recycled and offered to the next cohort of eligible applicants. The Commission will continue to monitor the paid rate to ensure that payments do not exceed the allotment of 13,000 competitive awards for this AY.

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