



## CAL GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Cal Grant Program is a state-funded educational opportunity grant program to assist students in paying for a college education. As a result of recent legislation (SB 1644), the existing Cal Grant program has been changed and additional grants have been added.

This document provides general guidelines for the new programs. For detailed legal descriptions, please refer to the California Education Code.

### General Cal Grant Eligibility Requirements

All Cal Grant applicants must:

- Be California residents
- Be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements
- Attend an eligible California qualifying postsecondary institution
- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined at school of attendance
- Have family income and assets below the established ceilings
- **Not** be in default on any student loan
- **Not** owe any federal or state grant refund

<b>Entitlement awards are guaranteed for all students who meet program eligibility requirements.</b>	
<p>Award Name:</p> <p><b><u>Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>more</u></i></p>	<p>Award Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide grant funds to help pay tuition/fees for California residents at qualifying institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs.</li> <li>• Awards are guaranteed for those who meet the program eligibility criteria.</li> <li>• If a student receives a Cal Grant A award but decides to attend a California Community College first, the student may choose to hold his or her award in reserve for up to two years.</li> </ul>
<p>Award Name:</p> <p><b><u>Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>more</u></i></p>	<p>Award Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide grant funds for access costs for low-income students in an amount not to exceed \$1,551. This grant is to be used for living expenses and expenses related to transportation, supplies and books. Beginning with the second year of Cal Grant B benefits, Cal Grant B also helps pay for tuition/fees for California residents attending qualifying institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs.</li> <li>• Awards are guaranteed for those who meet the program eligibility criteria.</li> </ul>

<p>Award Name:</p> <p><b><u>California Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards</u></b></p> <p><i><u>more</u></i></p>	<p>Award Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning in 2002-03, these awards will be offered to California Community College students who were not awarded Cal Grant As or Cal Grant Bs within a year of graduating from high school but meet certain requirements at the time of transfer from California Community Colleges to qualifying institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs.</li> <li>Awards are guaranteed for those who meet the program eligibility criteria.</li> </ul>
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**The following awards, which are limited in number, are offered on a competitive basis and are not guaranteed.**

<p>Award Name:</p> <p><b><u>Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards</u></b></p> <p><i><u>more</u></i></p>	<p>Award Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards are to be used for the same purposes as the Cal Grant A and B Entitlements awards, except that they are not guaranteed. These awards will be offered on a competitive basis to those students who did not receive an entitlement award.</li> <li>The number of new Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards to be issued each year is 22,500.</li> <li>Competitive Cal Grant A awards are intended for students from low- and middle-income families. These awards provide grant funds to help pay tuition/fees for California residents at qualifying institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs.</li> <li>Competitive Cal Grant B awards are intended for students from disadvantaged and low-income families. These awards provide grant funds for access costs for low-income students in an amount not to exceed \$1,551. This grant is to be used for living expenses and expenses related to transportation, supplies and books. Beginning with the second year of Cal Grant B benefits, Cal Grant B also helps pay for tuition/fees for California residents attending qualifying institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs.</li> </ul>
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<p>Award Name:</p> <p><b><u>Cal Grant C Awards</u></b></p> <p><i><u>more</u></i></p>	<p>Award Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist students with tuition/fee and training costs for occupational or vocational programs.</li> <li>Awards are for vocationally oriented students from low- and middle-income families.</li> <li>Recipients are selected based on financial need and vocational aptitude and must be enrolled in a vocational program at a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.....</li> <li>.....</li> <li>.....</li> <li>..... asting from four months to two years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The number of new Cal Grant C awards to be issued each year is 7,761.</li> </ul>
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**Cal Grant T Awards**

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- Awards are for teacher credential candidates who have a baccalaureate degree and plan to attend a teacher credential program.
- Awards are to be used only for tuition/fees for a maximum of one academic year of full-time attendance.
- A minimum of 3,000 new Cal Grant T awards are to be issued each year.
- As a condition of receiving a Cal Grant T, a recipient must teach for one year at a low-performing school for each \$2,000 of award money received, for a maximum period of four years. Any recipient who does not meet the teaching obligation will be required to repay the award.