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## Message from Executive Director, Diana Fuentes-Michel

The Governor's 2010-11 Budget proposed the elimination of the Competitive Cal Grant program for new students. The Governor's revision to the Budget (May Revise) is scheduled to be released on May 14.

Although the status of the Competitive Cal Grant program is still pending, the selection process for the March 2 Competitive Cal Grant A and B award has been completed. More than 128,300 financially eligible applicants were considered for the 11,200 March 2 Competitive Cal Grant awards. Awardees will be advised via e-mail to check their Cal Grant status on WebGrants.

Commission staff have also processed more than 85,000 2010-11 High School Entitlement awards and a combined total of more than \$315,000 to 133 participants of the new California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (NG EAAP) for the first round of program payments this week.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress and any changes to the Budget which may affect our programs.

## Misdirected 2010-11 FAFSAs

The Commission was notified by the Federal Student Aid Information Center that a number of Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filers intending to file a 2010-11 FAFSA were misdirected to the 2009-10 FAFSA in error. As the wrong year FAFSA was filed, these applications will appear late for the March 2, 2010 Cal Grant filing deadline. **Impacted students must file a 2010-11 year FAFSA.** Students that submit a corrected 2010-11 FAFSA will not be penalized and will be given the priority March 2 deadline for their Cal Grant application.

The Federal Student Aid Information Center is offering assistance to students in filing their 2010-11 FAFSA.

Students may call 1.800.433.3243 between 8 A.M. and midnight Eastern Time and follow the "Web site assistance" prompts. Hearing impaired callers may contact the TTY line at 1.800.730.8913. Additional information about the misdirected 2010-11 FAFSA can be located in [Special Alert GSA 2010-17](#).

### 2009-10 State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education for Nurses in State Facilities (SNAPLE NSF) Application Process Ends May 28, 2010

The Commission is authorized to allocate 100 SNAPLE NSF awards for the 2009-10 academic year. To date, only three applications have been received. Please forward nominations no later than May 28, 2010. For additional information, contact Adeline Espinosa, Financial Aid Analyst, at 916.464.6467 or [aespinos@csac.ca.gov](mailto:aespinos@csac.ca.gov).

## California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant Awards

Almost 20,000 applicants with potential California Community college Transfer Entitlement eligibility have been identified. To be eligible, potential recipients must complete a Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant Certification form. Students can complete the online form through their WebGrants for Students account. The paper [2010-11 Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant Certification Form](#) can be downloaded at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

## Real-time batch payment processing enhancements

The Commission has implemented real-time processing of batch payment uploads. Schools can now correct rejected payment transactions, within the same week, expediting payment processes. Accept/reject reports will also generate for schools that hand-key payments on the WebGrants roster. Additional information on Real-time batch payment processing can be located in [Operations Memo GOM 2010-07](#).

**Correction to Q & A on Handling FAFSA Assets**

A corrected version of the *Q&A on Handling FAFSA Assets*, regarding qualifying for Simplified Needs Test (SNT) formula, has been placed on the Operation Memos and Alerts page on the Help menu in WebGrants.

The [California Student Aid Commission Use of Assets for Cal Grant Selection, Q & A](#) can be located on [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

**Assumption Program of Loans Program (APLE) expands eligibility**

In the past, employed credentialed teachers were not eligible to participant in the Assumption Program of Loans Program (APLE). Nominated by their County Office of Education, qualified working credentialed teachers may now apply for loan forgiveness effective the 2010-11 academic year. Part-time teaching for the equivalent of four consecutive full-time academic years is also now allowable; however, out-of-state applicants are no longer accepted into the program.

**2010-11 Child Development Grant Program**

The Commission is accepting applications for the 2010-11 Child Development Grant Program. The deadline to submit **applications** is June 15, 2010.

Students who plan to enroll at least half-time in coursework leading to a Child Development Permit are eligible to apply through the institution they plan to attend.

The Child Development Grant awards from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year to qualified recipients. Applications can be located at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

**Application Process Ends May 28 for the 2009-10 State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education for Nursing Faculty (SNAPLE NF)**

Of the 100 allocated SNAPLE NF awards allocated for the 2009-10 academic year, 24 applications have been received. The Commission wants to make every effort to assist nursing students by awarding the 100 maximum allocations. For additional information, contact Adeline Espinosa, Financial Aid Analyst, at 916.464.6467 or [aespinos@csac.ca.gov](mailto:aespinos@csac.ca.gov).

**2010-11 Cal Grant C Selection Process**

The Commission sent 58,000 e-mails to students who are potentially eligible for Cal Grant C renewal awards. Rosters displaying award recipients are available on WebGrants (WGS). Schools may now process school change

transactions; however, transactions for the 2010-11 academic year may not be reported until early August. New 2010-11 Cal Grant C applicants have been notified by e-mail to complete the online Cal Grant C Supplement in WGS.

If you have any questions regarding the September 2 application process, please contact School support Services at 888.294.0153 or [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov).

**Fifth-Year Undergraduate Cal Grant Program Requirements**

One additional year of Cal Grant payments are available to students who attend institutions that require a mandatory five-year attendance for their degree requirements. The extension is also available to students receiving California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP) benefits. The additional year benefits are not available to students whose undergraduate attendance is extended for other reasons.

Additional information about the Five-Year Undergraduate Cal Grant Program can be located in the Commission's [Cal Grant Manual](#) or [Important Facts About Your Cal Grant Award](#) located at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). You may also contact Tabitha Frost at [tfrost@csac.ca.gov](mailto:tfrost@csac.ca.gov) or 916.464.3382.

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