



2011-12 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget.

Grant Criteria	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
Students must:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be a California resident - be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens - meet U.S. Selective Service requirements - attend an eligible California college or university 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be enrolled at least half time - maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school - not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund - not have completed a prior baccalaureate degree 	
Eligibility based on:	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA	Financial need, income and asset ceilings. Cal Grant C Supplement Form
Application forms:	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and GPA Verification Form	FAFSA, GPA Verification Form	FAFSA, GPA Verification Form (recommended), Cal Grant C Supplement Form
Minimum length of program:	Two academic years, leading to a degree	One academic year, leading to a degree or certificate	Four months, in a recognized career or technical program only
Eligibility time limit:	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year program)		Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years maximum at full-time equivalent—whichever is less
Minimum need for new recipients:	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500	\$700	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500
Type of assistance:	Tuition and fee assistance only	Access costs (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition/fee plus access costs thereafter	Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs (including books and supplies)
New recipient annual award amounts:	Systemwide tuition and fees at CSU and UC campuses unless adjusted in annual state Budget Act. For independent colleges, the amount is set in the annual state Budget Act.	In the first year, students receive only access costs of \$1,551; in subsequent years, students receive access costs and a tuition and fee award in the same amount as Cal Grant A	\$576 training related costs and up to \$2,592 tuition and fees at colleges other than a California Community College;
Special award category:	California Community College Reserve: eligible CCC students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two years until they attend a four-year school	Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both access costs and tuition and fees in the first year	None
Renewal process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit the FAFSA Application - Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria. - Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by your school of attendance. 		

For each program listed below, students must meet all of the general eligibility requirements, plus those applicable to their award:

HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
Application deadline:	March 2, 2011	March 2, 2011
Population served:	2009-10 or 2010-11 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school GPA	2009-10 or 2010-11 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	All eligible students
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2011	March 2, 2011
Population served:	Students who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year; were California residents when they graduated (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); have at least a 2.4 California Community College GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded; must transfer to and receive award payment at an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year	
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	All eligible students
COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadlines:	First deadline: March 2, 2011 for students who did not receive an Entitlement Cal Grant award Second deadline: September 2, 2011 for California Community College students only	
Population served:	Students from low and middle-income families	Students from low-income families
Selection criteria:	Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors considered include financial, educational, cultural, language, home, community, environmental, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education Additional consideration given to students who: - graduated from high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year - did not receive an Entitlement Cal Grant award - have reestablished their GPAs and qualify for a Cal Grant B - are continuing college students	
Number of new awards:	22,500 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2011 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2011 deadline	
CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2011	
Population served:	Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking a career or technical education	
Number of new awards:	7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state budget	
Additional requirements:	None	

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program as administered by the California Student Aid Commission. For more information, visit www.csac.ca.gov or www.calgrants.org. For detailed legal descriptions, please refer to the California Education Code.