

2016-17 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, eligible noncitizens or, or eligible Dream Act students - Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements - Attend an eligible California college or university 		
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) or California Dream Act Application and Verified GPA	FAFSA, California Dream Act Application and Verified GPA	FAFSA, California Dream Act Application and Verified GPA (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:	System-wide 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 access costs of \$1,670; in subsequent years, students receive access costs plus a tuition and fee award in the same amount as Cal	\$547 training related costs and up to \$2,462 tuition and fees at colleges other than a California Community College
Special award category:	California Community College (CCC) 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 or California Dream Act Application - Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria - Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by your school of attendance 		

California Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131) allows undocumented and documented students who meet AB 540 eligibility requirements to:

- apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities
- apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as Cal Grant, Chafee, community college fee waiver and institutional grants

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

	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
Application deadline:	March 2, 2016	March 2, 2016
Population served:		2015-16 or 2016-17 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	All eligible students
Application deadline:	March 2, 2016	March 2, 2016
Additional requirements:	Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible	
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, 2016 Second deadline: September 2, 2016 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 include financial, GPA, parental education and marital status, family income and size, years since HS graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education.	
Number of new awards:	25,750 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2016 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2016 deadline	
CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2016	
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 Bill	
Additional requirements:	Completion of the C Supplement Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible	