

# CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Cal Grant Students and Parents:

As I discussed in the previous update posted on May 28, the California Student Aid Commission is acutely aware of the uncertainty and questions that exist regarding the status of the Cal Grant program as proposed in the Governor's budget revision proposal.

We would like to remind all 2009-10 students that, at this point, any Cal Grant offer should still be considered tentative, as all awards will be subject to approval of the final 2009-10 state budget.

Commission staff is continually reviewing all available legislative information. Following is a summary of 2009-2010 State Budget Conference Committee Actions relating to the Cal Grant program as of June 12:

- The committee voted to reject the Governor's proposal to eliminate or reduce Cal Grants, and reallocated \$32 million of General Fund costs to the student loan operating fund.
- Currently, the Committee has authorized the following Cal Grant programmatic reductions, beginning in 2010-11: freezing the income eligibility for Cal Grant A recipients at the 2008-09 level and reducing the maximum Cal Grant award for all private college award recipients by five percent from \$9,708 to \$9,223.

*Again, these proposed reductions would not take place until the 2010-11 academic year.*

These actions are subject to approval by the Assembly and Senate. Following approval, final recommendations will then be sent to the Governor for consideration.

We will continue to update this website and CalGrants.org ([www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)) regarding the status of State funding proposals for the Cal Grant program. In addition, we strongly encourage you to maintain contact with the financial aid administrator's at the institution you are planning to attend this fall.

Sincerely,

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