

High School Graduation Certification Form For the Entitlement Cal Grant Program

Attention: Confirmation of your high school graduation is required or no Cal Grant payments can be released. You can certify this online at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov> or at www.webgrants4students.org.

Earlier this year the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) offered you an Entitlement Cal Grant to help pay for your college expenses. Prior to receiving your Entitlement Cal Grant, you must submit confirmation of your high school graduation to the Commission. Use this form to verify that you have graduated from high school and meet this requirement for your Cal Grant. Read the information on the reverse side to help you complete this form correctly.

First Name	MI	Last Name	Social Security Number or CSAC ID (Please circle one)	
Address		City	State	Zip Code
Email Address:				
Fall 2009 College of Attendance:				

Step 1 Please check the box of the statement that best fits your educational status.

A	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed all of my high school requirements, and graduated.
If you checked A, above, please fill in the items below.		
Month and year of graduation: _____		
Name of high school or agency: _____		
City, state, country of high school: _____		
Or		
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have passed the State of California High School Proficiency Examination. Issue Date: _____
Or		
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have passed the General Education Development (GED) Test. Issue Date: _____
Or		
D	<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not meet any of the three statements above.

Step 2

<p>Student Certification: By signing the certification below, I am affirming that I have completed all of my high school graduation requirements, including passing the CAHSEE exam if required by my school. Or, I have passed a high school equivalency test such as the California High School Proficiency Examination or the General Education Development (GED) test. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I have read the information printed above and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.</p>	
Signature	
Day time telephone number	Date

See reverse side for more information

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Where do I submit my high school graduation certification?

Please submit this form to the address at the bottom of this page or submit it online at www.webgrants4students.org.

What does completing all graduation requirements mean?

Completing all high school graduation requirements means you have passed all required coursework and passed any required examinations, including the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), if required. When leaving high school, graduates would have been given a diploma, not just a "Certificate of Completion." If you are unsure, please contact your high school.

What if I don't have a diploma but I do have a graduation equivalent?

Instead of graduating, you may have taken and passed the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) or the General Education Development (GED) Test. A passing score on either one of these tests is considered "the equivalent of high school graduation" and satisfies the high school graduation requirement necessary for a student to participate in the Entitlement Cal Grant program.

What if I have not graduated from high school or do not have a graduation equivalent? What can I do?

You are not eligible to receive Entitlement Cal Grant benefits if you have not graduated from high school or achieved the equivalent. However, state law gives potential Entitlement Cal Grant participants until December 31 of the award year to complete the high school graduation requirements. If you have not yet graduated, but expect to graduate prior to December 31 of the award year, keep this certification form and submit it after you have completed all your graduation requirements. If you have not graduated from high school, or achieved the equivalent, by December 31 of the award year, this Cal Grant offer is void. You would have to reapply next year by the March 2 application deadline.

This certification can be completed online at www.webgrants4students.org.

If you have questions or need additional information about your Entitlement Cal Grant award, please contact the California Student Aid Commission by phone at (888) 224-7268 or by email at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

Mail this completed form to:

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