

Tips for applying for a Cal Grant and tracking your application

This Tip Sheet, provided by the California Student Aid Commission, is intended to be a quick reference only. Be sure to carefully read ALL the instructions in your FAFSA booklet. You can find additional information and links on the Commission's Web site at www.csac.ca.gov and at www.calgrants.org.

California students must file two forms: a FAFSA and a Cal Grant GPA Verification form, by March 2* to qualify for state-sponsored grant programs including Cal Grants.

Use the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet

FAFSA on the Web Worksheet helps you fill out the online FAFSA correctly.

You can complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet ahead of time. That way, you'll have all the information you need in front of you when you're ready to complete the FAFSA online. The Worksheet lists the questions in the same order as they appear on the online

FAFSA and provides boxes for your answers. English and Spanish versions are available from your school and online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Track your Cal Grant application anytime

Go online using WebGrants for Students to track your application.

WebGrants for Students is an interactive web-based service that you can use 24/7 during your search for a Cal Grant and other financial aid, and later if you receive a Cal Grant.

After you submit your FAFSA, you can log on to the Commission's Web site at www.csac.ca.gov, click on WebGrants for Students, and set up your own personal, confidential account. There, you can:

- check on your FAFSA
- check on your verified GPA
- check on the status of your Cal Grant or Chafee Grant application
- check your award status

If you are awarded a Cal Grant or Chafee Grant, you can:

- view your payment history
- check your address on file and update it online
- see how your Cal Grant might change if you go to another school
- click on links to other financial aid Web sites

Call the Interactive Voice Response system to track your application.

The Interactive Voice Response System, or IVR, is another service that provides individual, up-to-date information about your application for a Cal Grant or Chafee Grant. Call the Commission toll-free at 1-888-224-7268 and follow the prompts to obtain information about your application. You can call anytime.

If you still have a question, and you call during regular business hours, you can talk to a member of the Commission's call center staff.

*When March 2 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is extended to the following business day.

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