



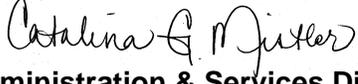
OPERATIONS MEMO

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: 2010-11 High School Entitlement Update and Electronic CAR

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has offered approximately 19,100 High School Entitlement (E1) Cal Grant awards to date. In addition, the Commission is pleased to announce the implementation of the new electronic California Aid Report (CAR).

As discussed in Grant Operations Memo 2010-02, issued on February 11, recently awarded students are notified of their offer through an automated e-mail message which will direct them to view the electronic CAR in WebGrants for Students (WGS). The e-mail message will indicate that an update has been made to the student's Cal Grant account and will direct the student to WGS to find details on their Cal Grant award status. Students who do not have a WGS account will need to establish one in order to log in and view their Cal Grant award information. Students who do not have an e-mail address in our system will receive a paper CAR.

The new electronic CAR is a change in the delivery of award notifications to students who listed an email address on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Commission wants to make sure that students receive their message and are able to establish a WGS account to find the details of their Cal Grant offer. To help us communicate this new feature, the Commission is requesting your assistance to encourage students to check their e-mail accounts listed on their 2010-11 FAFSA. In addition, please urge them to open WGS accounts to monitor their Cal Grant status 24/7. The Website address for WGS is www.webgrants4students.org.

Students who have not yet received an electronic CAR can also establish a WGS account and check their status. The Commission will continue to run weekly award cycles and provide electronic or paper CARs to applicants.



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School of Origin Report for High Schools

The Commission also produces a WebGrants "School of Origin" report for high schools that lists all eligible Cal Grant Entitlement participants based on the high school that certified their Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA). The School of Origin report not only identifies all eligible Cal Grant participants, but also can help you identify students who may have incomplete applications or other issues preventing them from being considered for a Cal Grant award.

The School of Origin report will be available starting on February 23, 2010 in WebGrants under the Data Transfer menu. To obtain WebGrants access, schools should call the Commission's technology Help Desk at (888) 294-0148 or e-mail csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding any of the information contained in this memorandum, please contact the Commission's School Support Services Branch at (888) 294-0153 or at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.

Enclosures: E-mail Text to Students (Award Offer Notification)
Screen Print of California Aid Report (CAR) in WGS

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