



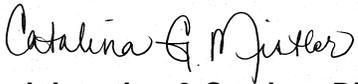
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SUBJECT: Student Expense Budgets and Income and Asset Ceilings

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the release of the 2011-12 Student Expense Budgets and Income and Asset Ceilings.

The enclosed 2011-12 sample statewide Student Expense Budgets include standardized allowances for food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, and personal/miscellaneous expenses for a nine-month academic year. These allowances are presented to schools to assist in developing their budgets for the 2011-12 award year.

Actual campus budget information from the College Cost Estimate Forms will be used when awarding Cal Grants. As a reminder, the College Cost Estimate Forms are due to the Commission by January 21, 2011. Please refer to Grant Operations Memo 2010-25, dated November 17, 2010, for further details.

The Student Expense Budgets are based on the 2006-07 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS) data, which have been adjusted for inflation or deflation using the California Consumer Price Indices. The enclosed 2011-12 Cal Grant Income and Asset Ceilings, which will be used for Cal Grant award selection, were calculated using the California Department of Finance's prescribed methodology.

The Student Expense Budget and Income and Asset documents are also available at www.csac.ca.gov under the Quick Hits section. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Kerth at (916) 464-3332 or bkerth@csac.ca.gov.

Enclosures: 2011-12 Statewide Student Expense Budgets
2011-12 Cal Grant Program Income and Asset Ceilings

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