



# OPERATIONS MEMO

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**SUBJECT:** Student Expense Budgets and Income and Asset Ceilings

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The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the release of the 2012-13 [Student Expense Budgets](#) and [Income and Asset Ceilings](#).

The 2012-13 sample statewide Student Expense Budgets include standardized allowances for food, housing, books and 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 2012-13 award year.

Actual campus budget information provided by the institution on WebGrants or on a College Cost Estimate form will be used when awarding Cal Grants. An Operations Memo will be released soon with information on the WebGrants 2012-13 Cost Estimate screen and the College Cost Estimate form.

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 2012-13 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. Please be aware there are separate income and asset ceilings for new and renewal students as required by Senate Bill 70.

The Student Expense Budget and Income and Asset documents can also be accessed at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) under the "Resources" section. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Kerth at (916) 464-3332 or [bkerth@csac.ca.gov](mailto:bkerth@csac.ca.gov).

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