

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION**

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RE: Renewal Cal Grant Notification

Dear Student:

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has reviewed the information provided on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and determined you are eligible to renew your Cal Grant for the 2012-13 academic year. However, you should be aware of recent changes to California law governing the Cal Grant Program that will impact your award for the upcoming year.

California law now prohibits CSAC from paying the maximum Cal Grant A and B award to renewal students if it is found that the school's three-year student loan default rate, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education, is too high or the school's graduation rate is too low. CSAC's records currently show you attending one of these schools. If you remain at your current school of attendance, your 2012-13 Cal Grant award will be reduced by 20 percent.

If you attend a school not affected by the new law, you can transfer your Cal Grant award to receive the maximum benefits by reporting a school change. To see a list of eligible Cal Grant schools, please go to our homepage: [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and click the "Cal Grant Eligible Schools" link.

To report a school change, log in to WebGrants for Students (WGS) at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org) and click the link that says, "Submit School Change." If this is your first time visiting WGS, you will need to create a WGS account by clicking the link that says, "Create an Account." Select an eligible Cal Grant school from the drop down list under the "School Change To" section, then click on the "submit change" box to process the school change.

Please note that after 2012-13, even at the reduced rate, you will not be able to use your Cal Grant award at one of the affected institutions. Cal Grant recipients at these ineligible institutions must transfer to eligible institutions to receive Cal Grant benefits. If changes are not made to the Cal Grant law, the 2012-13 year may potentially be the last year that you can use your Cal Grant at your current school of attendance. Please keep this in mind as you make future plans for your education.

To contact CSAC:

- \* Visit the WebGrants for Students website at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org) for detailed information about your Cal Grant.
- \* E-mail [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov).
- \* Call CSAC's Student Support Services representatives at 1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.
- \* Visit our homepage at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).