



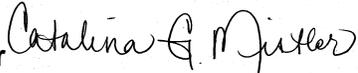
OPERATIONS MEMO

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Cal Grant Program Update – Top Two Percent and Cal Grant C

This Operations Memo provides an update on the following 2012-13 academic year Cal Grant award processes.

Top Two Percent Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards

California Education Code Section 69538(d) authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) to offer tuition/fee payments, in addition to the access portion of the award (\$1,473), to the top two percent of first year Entitlement Cal Grant B participants, based on a competitive scoring process. The Commission has processed the top two percent of Cal Grant B recipients and notified the 1,416 students. Starting August 13, 2012, schools can see the adjusted awards for the top two percent recipients on their rosters. Other entering freshman Cal Grant B Entitlement recipients will receive only the access portion of the grant for their first year in the program.

Cal Grant C Awards

The Commission identified over 82,000 students eligible to compete for a 2012-13 Cal Grant C award. Approximately 17,000 supplements were received, and the Commission has made the authorized number of Cal Grant C awards. Notification letters have been sent to the selected students, and schools may view new Cal Grant C recipients on their rosters starting Monday, August 13. As a reminder, there were changes to the 2012-13 Cal Grant C scoring to reflect the requirements from Senate Bill (SB) 451. Please refer to [GOM 2012-19](#) released on May 31, 2012, for a full explanation on SB 451 and the changes to the Cal Grant C program.

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