



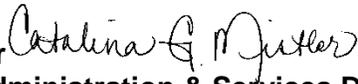
# OPERATIONS MEMO

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**SUBJECT:** Transfer Entitlement and March 2 Competitive Awards

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This Grant Operations Memo provides an update on the 2013-14 Cal Grant California Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards (E2), the March 2 Competitive award cycle, and the Cal Grant C Supplement process.

## Transfer Entitlement and the G-6 Form

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) processed the 2013-14 California Community College Transfer Entitlement Award (E2) cycle and identified approximately 49,500 applicants with potential eligibility. The identified applicants were notified on May 15, 2013, to complete the G-6 self-certification form (online or by paper) to be considered for the Cal Grant E2 award. Students can complete the online G-6 form by logging into their WebGrants for Students (WGS) account at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org). The paper G-6 is available at [www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=80](http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=80) and must be completed and mailed to the Commission. Applicants are encouraged to complete this part of the process on WGS so they can establish an account and view all their information 24/7.

The 2012-13 State Budget contained a provision that changed the E2 program for the 2013-14 year by expanding the community college attendance requirement for an additional year prior to the transfer to a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution. To qualify, students may have attended a community college during any part of the 2011-12 **or** 2012-13 school year. The student did not have to attend both years at the community college to be eligible. In addition, attendance at a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution is required for at least one term of the 2013-14 year, or the award offer is void.

Changes to the paper G-6 form and the WebGrants for Students screen were made to reflect this update as prescribed by the 2012-13 State Budget. Potential E2 students are encouraged to complete the G-6 form in WGS for timely processing.



In summary, to qualify for a 2013-14 E2 award, students must meet the following requirements:

- Have graduated from a California high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000;
- Be a California resident at the time of high school graduation;
- Be no more than 28 years of age;
- Have attended at least one term at a California Community College sometime during the 2011-12 or 2012-13 school year; and
- Be transferring to a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution for 2013-14.

### **Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards**

The Commission has completed the selection of the 2013-14 March 2 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards. Competitive Cal Grant awardees will be notified by e-mail and advised to use WebGrants for Students for further information on their Cal Grant status.

For the March 2 Competitive Cal Grant program cycle, over 145,000 financially eligible applicants were considered for 11,250 Competitive awards. As in prior years, applicants must not only meet general Cal Grant A and B eligibility criteria, but also are scored based on their household size and income, parent's educational level, household status, access equalizer, and grade point average (GPA). Applicants with a score of 162 or above were offered a Cal Grant. To assist you in advising your students, you may view a breakdown of their Cal Grant scores by selecting the "Score Detail" button on the Student Award Detail screen on WebGrants.

To ensure that all eligible Cal Grant students receive their award, we encourage campuses to identify those students who are not attending your campus or are not eligible for their Cal Grant on the WebGrants payment rosters. Identifying those students with the correct transaction code will generate a communication to the student to take action in order to receive their award. A communication will be forthcoming to provide you with more information on functionalities in WebGrants that will assist you in correctly reporting Cal Grant students.

In an effort to increase the number of Competitive Cal Grant payments, the Commission will monitor rosters regularly to identify students without payments or other transactions. Additional communications will be sent to those students to remind them of their Cal Grant award and steps to take to get their payment processed, if eligible. More information on the proposed efforts that will be made to get more payments processed to eligible students will be communicated in future Operations Memos.

### **Cal Grant C Process**

Students identified with potential Cal Grant C eligibility will receive an e-mail notification to complete the Cal Grant C Supplement online in WGS. A [paper Supplement](#) is also available for students to download. All students selected to receive the Cal Grant C Supplement will have 30 days from the date we mail the notification to complete the form. Upon acceptance of the Supplement data, the Commission will score and rank the applicants to select the 7,761 authorized Cal Grant C awards for the 2013-14 academic year.

### **Grant Rosters**

Rosters displaying all 2013-14 award recipients and pending G-6 students will appear in WebGrants on Monday, May 20, 2013. Schools may now process school change transactions. Please remember that schools may not report payment transactions for the 2013-14 academic year until early August.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this memo, please contact the Commission's School Support Services staff at (888) 294-0153 or via e-mail at [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov).