



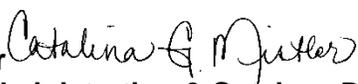
# OPERATIONS MEMO

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**SUBJECT:** Late Entitlement Cal Grant GPA Appeals Process

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This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) explains the Cal Grant late grade point average (GPA) appeal process for students who missed the March 2 filing deadline.

State regulations allow Entitlement Cal Grant applicants to appeal the late submission of their Cal Grant GPA if circumstances beyond their control delayed or prevented them from submitting a verified GPA by the March 2, 2014 filing deadline. To receive appeal consideration, the applicant must submit an explanation of the circumstances that were beyond their control which prevented them from submitting an on-time Cal Grant GPA. The applicant must also have submitted a 2014-15 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a 2014-15 Cal Dream Act Application by the March 2 deadline.

The Commission has notified those Entitlement Cal Grant applicants whose GPAs were not received to submit an appeal. Schools may also submit late GPAs on behalf of students. The school's appeal should make it clear there were circumstances beyond the student's control preventing the student from meeting the March 2 deadline.

In order for an appeal to be accepted, it must be **received** by the Commission no later than May 16, 2014. In the event that an appeal is accepted, the student will be processed for Entitlement Cal Grant award consideration and will receive correspondence from the Commission based on their application status. For appeals that are not accepted, the GPA will be retained to use for the September 2, 2014 Competitive Cal Grant award selection process.

Entitlement applicants may submit a late March 2 GPA on the "Late Cal Grant GPA Verification Form" if the student completed the FAFSA, or on the "Late Non-SSN Cal Grant GPA Verification Form" if the student completed the Cal Dream Act Application. These forms are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1177>. To qualify for a 2014-15 Entitlement Cal Grant, an applicant must have graduated high school or achieved the



equivalent on or after July 1, 2012, or must be planning to transfer from a California Community College to a four-year college during the 2014-15 academic year.

### **School of Origin Report**

The Commission produces a report for high school counselors that lists all eligible Entitlement Cal Grant participants based on the high school that certified their Cal Grant GPA. This "School of Origin" report is available in WebGrants under the Data Transfer menu and is updated regularly as additional award offers are made. To obtain WebGrants access, schools should call the Commission's Technology Help Desk at (888) 294-0148 or e-mail [csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov](mailto:csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov).

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).

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