



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2014-15 September 2 Competitive Cal Grant Awards

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) informs institutions that the award processing for the 2014-15 September 2 award cycle was completed.

In addition to meeting the general Cal Grant A and B eligibility criteria, applicants are scored on the following:

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Household size and income
 - Household status and access equalizer
 - Parents' educational level
- A 1000-point scoring system was applied for the September 2 award cycle (the same used for the March 2 award cycle).
- Following the scoring of all eligible applicants, the Commission set a cut-off score of 820 for applicants receiving an award offer.
- For the 2014-15 September 2 award cycle, over 331,000 financially eligible applicants were considered.

Awarded students were notified via email of their 2014-15 Cal Grant award offer on October 7, 2014 and they now appear on campus rosters.

For the 2014-15 award year, newly awarded competitive students will have access to a new feature in WebGrants for Students. This feature allows students to essentially "accept" or "decline" their award. This feature will have no impact on campuses ability to make payments or other transactions for their students. For a full description of this new feature, please reference [GOM 2014-29](#).

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