



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **2015-16 High School Entitlement Cal Grant Award Offers**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the completion of the initial 2015-16 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (E1) award cycle.

2015-16 Preliminary High School Entitlement Award Offers

- This first award cycle was run earlier than in prior years and approximately 15,000 preliminary awards were offered to graduating high school seniors and one-year-out high school graduates. Within the 15,000 preliminary High School Entitlement awards, about 350 are offered to California Dream Act students.
- The 2015-16 selected students are available for viewing on the WebGrants Display Roster screen in a non-payable status.
- The selected E1 students received e-mail notifications to create a WebGrants for Students (WGS) account and view their California Aid Report (CAR) online. Students who do not have an e-mail address or have an undeliverable e-mail address will receive a paper CAR.
- Students receiving the "Application on Hold" notification are directed to the WGS Cal Grant Application Correction page.
- Students receiving the "Cal Grant Disqualification" notification are directed to the "Disqualification Fact Sheet" also available in WGS.
- Students who have not yet received an electronic CAR should establish a WGS account and check their status online at www.webgrants4students.org.
- The Commission will continue to process students in the weekly award cycle and will provide electronic or paper CARs to the eligible applicants.

Cal Grant Eligible Institutions

- The list of [2015-16 Cal Grant eligible institutions](#) can be found at the bottom of the Commission's homepage and under the Colleges tab.

- The 2015-16 award amounts for new recipients at Cal Grant eligible institutions are reflected on the WebGrants rosters, CARs and in WGS.
- If a student lists an ineligible institution as their first choice on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the system will default to the next available institution for Cal Grant consideration.
- Students who only list ineligible institutions on their FAFSA will receive an “Application on Hold” notification requesting them to select an eligible institution on the application correction screen in WGS. Once the student selects an eligible institution, they will be reprocessed.
- The California Dream Act Application does not allow students to select an ineligible institution.

Your Cal Grant Offered Awardees Report for High Schools

- This report was previously known as the *Schools of Origin Report for High Schools*. The Commission produces a WebGrants Report (Your Cal Grant Offered Awardees) for high schools that lists all Cal Grant Entitlement recipients based on the high school that certified their Cal Grant GPA.
- Students who do not appear on your report may have an incomplete financial aid application or other issues preventing them from being considered for the Cal Grant award offer. We encourage you to use this report to assist students in completing the necessary forms to qualify for a Cal Grant.
- Your Cal Grant Offered Awardees Report is available in WebGrants under the Data Transfer menu. To obtain WebGrants access, schools should contact the Commission’s Information Technology Help Desk at (888) 294-0148 or e-mail csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this memo, please contact the Commission’s Institutional Support at (888) 294-0153 or at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.

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