



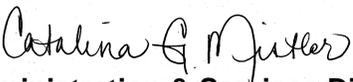
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Cal Grant GPA Deadline Reminder

The purpose of this Special Alert is to remind high schools and colleges about the upcoming Cal Grant filing deadline and to emphasize the advantages of submitting their students' Grade Point Averages (GPAs) electronically.

To apply for the 2010-11 academic year Cal Grant program, students must file a 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2, 2010. Students are encouraged to file the FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

In addition to the FAFSA, the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) must also receive a school certified Cal Grant Grade Point Average by March 2. The most direct method to submit GPAs to the Commission is by using WebGrants, the Commission's online information sharing system. GPAs can be uploaded into WebGrants in batches or keyed individually. Confirmation of GPA submission is provided immediately by the system once the GPA record(s) are successfully received. If high schools or colleges experience problems with their WebGrants account, they can contact the Commission's Information Technology help desk at (888) 294-0148.

GPAs may also be certified on the paper Cal Grant GPA Verification Form, which is available on our Website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1177>. Paper forms must be postmarked by March 2, 2010.

High schools and colleges that have already submitted GPAs to the Commission can confirm the submission of GPAs by accessing the "GPA Summary Report" under the Data Transfer link in WebGrants. This report is a good resource to determine that all students have a submitted GPA.



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In an effort to reach as many students as possible, the Commission sent e-mails on February 17, 2010 to nearly 35,000 students who did not have a GPA in our system, but who had filed a 2010-11 FAFSA. The e-mail reminded these students that the Commission has not received their GPA and that they still have time to submit one before the March 2 deadline. A copy of the e-mail is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please call School Support Services at (888) 294-0153.

Enclosures: 2010-11 Cal Grant GPA Verification Form
E-mail Text to Students (FAFSA Received Without GPA)

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