



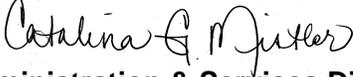
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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GSA 2010-09

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2008-09 Pending Cal Grant Disbursements and
2009 Interest Remission Deadline

The purpose of this Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is to provide an update on pending academic year 2008-09 Cal Grant disbursements and also to remind schools of the interest remission deadline.

2008-09 Pending Cal Grant Disbursements

Grant Special Alert (GSA) 2009-33, released on December 22, 2009, indicated that the Commission expected approval in early February 2010 of the second budget augmentation to complete pending 2008-09 Cal Grant disbursements. However, Department of Finance (DOF) approval was just provided on February 19, 2010 and the Legislature has thirty days to review before the funding can be disbursed. On March 1, 2010 the Chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee notified the DOF of concurrence with the augmentation and waiver of the remainder of the thirty-day review period. The Commission expects to process the remaining payments next week with actual disbursements via electronic funds transfer and paper warrants to arrive on your campuses the week of March 15.

The Commission fully understands the extraordinary burden placed on schools, financial aid administrators and ultimately, Cal Grant students. We truly appreciate your patience and cooperation. In addition, the Commission is aware that this issue has caused problems with year end reconciliation, including invoices. As a result, the Commission will work with schools that may have encountered any issues associated with this delay. Please contact Tom Panages at (916) 464-2645 or at tpanages@csac.ca.gov to discuss your concerns.



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Interest Remission Reminder

As also discussed in GSA 2009-33, interest earned on Cal Grant funds for the 2009 calendar year is due to the Commission by March 2010. The Commission will issue past due notices to institutions that have not remitted interest payments beginning April 1, 2010.

As in prior years, when returning interest, neither bank related fees associated with maintaining the account nor negative interest associated with an institution's use of non-state funds for Cal Grant students should be deducted from the accrued interest. Both of these amounts reflect expenses that cannot be offset against the interest earned by the advance of State funds for the Cal Grant program.

Institutions should complete the enclosed Interest Remittance Form and mail it along with the respective interest earned check. This will allow the Commission to correctly identify the purpose of the check and apply it to the institution. The Interest Remittance Form is also available on the Commission's homepage at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1317>.

If you have any questions regarding this Special Alert, please contact the Commission's School Support Services through e-mail at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov or at (888) 294-0153.

Enclosure: Interest Remittance Form

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