



SPECIAL ALERT

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SUBJECT: 2011-12 Cal Grant Payment Update

This Special Alert notifies schools that the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) must temporarily suspend all 2011-12 Cal Grant payment disbursements effective immediately due to a shortage in available funds for the Cal Grant Program.

As in prior years, the Commission has requested additional Cal Grant funds from the Department of Finance (DOF) through the budget augmentation process. The DOF must submit formal notification to the California Legislature authorizing the additional program funds. Until the DOF has authorized a budget augmentation and the Legislature has completed its review, the Commission has no authority to process any further 2011-12 Cal Grant payments reported after May 4, 2012. The Commission will provide notification when the additional funds are available.

The Commission will continue the weekly reconciliation process to track the Cal Grant funds requested by the institutions. However, Cal Grant payments will not be disbursed until the budget augmentation process is approved. Institutions should refer to the most current monthly payment activity (MPA) report in WebGrants to view their Cal Grant account summary. Cal Grant disbursements are under the line item "reconciled payment to institution" with the date and dollar amount. Delayed Cal Grant payments will have an asterisk on the dollar amount to reflect that the payment has not been made. The asterisk will be removed once the funds are available and disbursed to the institution.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Support Services Branch at (888) 294-0153 or at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.

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