



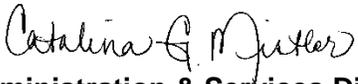
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Student Aid Commission Acknowledgement Programs

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has launched two acknowledgement initiatives—the Class of 2013 Cal Grant Champions and California *Dreams In Action* programs.

Cal Grant Champions

Recently, nearly 119,000 email messages with personalized certificates were sent to high school seniors who have applied for a Cal Grant, have qualified, and have been **offered** a Cal Grant Entitlement award. The acknowledgement also informs recipients of online resources to become fully eligible to receive their Cal Grant financial aid.

Students must certify high school graduation before any Cal Grant payments can be issued. Final school selection is critical to getting payment to the campus students will attend this fall. Students are encouraged to create a WebGrants account to handle these necessary steps.

Dreams In Action

The California ***Dreams in Action*** personalized certificate recognizes the more than 23,000 2013-14 California Dream Act **applicants** in this historic year of Cal Grant Dream Act financial aid. The message directs students to view their 2013-14 Dream Act Application, make any corrections, updates, or submit signatures if still required. If the students applied for a Cal Grant, they can create a WebGrants account. Finally, students are directed to contact their financial aid office for other requirements or steps that need to be taken. This email does not confirm the receipt of financial aid.

Social Sharing

Students may announce their accomplishment using their Facebook or Twitter accounts. The Facebook and Twitter prompt includes the respective messages: “I’m part of the class of 2013 Cal Grant Champions, ask me what’s next!” or, “I’m part of the first class of California Dream Act applicants, ask me what’s next!”



On May 30 the Commission also provided a certificate template to high schools with WebGrants accounts to download and merge 2013 Cal Grant Entitlement Awardees into Word document Cal Grant Champion certificates. Dream Act eAcknowledgements were sent by the Commission.

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

Enclosures: Cal Grant Champion Certificate
Dreams in Action Certificate

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