



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: Notification to Students Regarding Cal Grant Scam Warning

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces a notification from the Commission to **new** 2014-15 Cal Grant awardees warning them of a scam.

This week awardees are receiving an email that reads as follows:

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has become aware of scams targeting Cal Grant applicants. It is important to know that Cal Grants are free.

The Commission NEVER asks for money from students.

If you are asked to pay for your Cal Grant, you may take these steps:

1. File a report with your local law enforcement agency
2. Notify the following agencies:

California Attorney General's Office at www.ag.ca.gov or call 800-952-5225
OR

Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1

Contact the Commission at 888-224-7268 or email at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

Students will receive this communication via email, or if no email address was provided, via a physical letter.

Please see [GSA 2014-15](#) for more information.

Need to contact us?

- Institutional Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
- E-mail: schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

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