

OPERATIONS MEMO



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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: Opening of 2024-25 Cal Grant GPA Electronic Submission

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the 2024-25 Electronic Grade Point Average (GPA) submission window.

GPAs for the class of 2024 can be electronically submitted beginning **July 10, 2023**, and no later than **October 1, 2023**, as specified under <u>Education Code 69432.9 (c)(2)</u>, unless the student has opted-out per <u>Education Code 69432.9 (d)(1)(2)</u>. Please refer to <u>GOM 2022-41</u> for additional information on the Opt-Out provision.

- Verify when your WebGrants access is set to expire and renew if needed.
 Please visit our <u>WebGrants Access Request webpage</u> for more information, including access forms.
- Online webinar trainings on the GPA upload process will be available throughout the next few months. To register for a live webinar, please visit our <u>Upcoming Webinars webpage</u>. A <u>pre-recorded training</u> is also available.
- Students who are enrolled in summer school should not have their GPAs uploaded until **after** summer school grades have been posted as these grades should be included in the GPA calculation.
- High schools must use the "Non-SSN GPA" method to submit GPAs. Refer to the "Non-SSN GPA" User Guide for more information.
- For additional GPA submission information, including GPA calculation instructions, GPA Opt-Out forms, and GPA upload tools, please visit our <u>GPA</u> <u>Tools webpage</u>.

High school students have a 2-year window to qualify for a High School Entitlement Cal Grant – as seniors and 1 year after graduation. Therefore, it is a best practice to also submit GPAs for your 2023 graduates, given that some students would benefit from having their GPAs recalculated using grades earned during senior year.

2024-25 Financial Aid Applications Delayed

As communicated in <u>GOM 2023-13</u>, the opening of the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will be delayed from October 1 to **December 2023**. Other important changes will be taking place on both financial aid applications, including a new formula to calculate student need and financial aid eligibility.

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