



# 2021-22 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget.

Grant Criteria	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
<b>Students must:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be a California resident</li> <li>- Be a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or be exempt from nonresident tuition</li> <li>- Attend an eligible California college or university</li> <li>- Be enrolled at least half time</li> <li>- Not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund</li> </ul>		
<b>Eligibility based on:</b>	Financial need, income, and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA	Financial need, income, and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA	Financial need, income, and asset ceilings
<b>Application forms:</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Verified GPA		FAFSA or CADAA and Cal Grant C Supplement Form
<b>Minimum length of program:</b>	Two academic years resulting in an associate or baccalaureate degree of 48 semester units or the equivalent	One academic year resulting in an associate, baccalaureate degree or certificate of at least 24 semester units or the equivalent	Four months, in a recognized occupational or technical training
<b>Eligibility time limit:</b>	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or four years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential, mandatory five-year programs, and Cal Grant B foster youth)		Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less
<b>Minimum need for new recipients:</b>	Maximum Cal Grant fee portion of the award by institution plus \$1500	\$700	Maximum Cal Grant fee portion of the award by institution plus \$1500
<b>Type of assistance:</b>	Tuition and fee assistance only; exception: see Students with Dependent Children (SWD) & Foster Youth Access Award (FYA)	Access award (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition and fee plus access award thereafter	Tuition and fee assistance and training related costs and books and supplies
<b>New recipient annual award amounts:</b>	CSU - \$5,742 UC - \$12,570 For-Profit (Non WASC) - \$4,000 For Profit (WASC) - \$8,056 Private Non-Profit - \$9,220 exception: see SWD & FYA	In the first year, only the access award of \$1,648; in subsequent years, the access award plus a tuition and fee award equal to Cal Grant A exception: see SWD & FYA	California Community College (CCC) - \$1,094 Non-CCC - \$2,462 for tuition/fees and \$547 for books & supplies exception: see SWD & FYA
<b>Special award category:</b>	CCC Reserve: students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two academic years until they attend a tuition and fee charging school; exception: see SWD & FYA	Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both the access award and tuition and fees in the first year	None
<b>Renewal process:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit a FAFSA or CADAA</li> <li>- Meet the required minimum need, income and asset ceilings criteria</li> <li>- Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by the school of attendance</li> <li>- Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status</li> </ul>		

**California Dream Act** allows undocumented and documented students who meet the nonresident tuition exemption eligibility requirements to:

- apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities
- apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as Cal Grant, Chafee Grant, CCC fee waiver and institutional grants

For each program listed below, students must meet all the general eligibility requirements, plus those applicable to their award:

<b>HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
	<b>Cal Grant A</b>	<b>Cal Grant B</b>
<b>Application deadline:</b>	March 2, 2021	March 2, 2021 September 2, 2021 for foster youth at the CCC
<b>Population served:</b>	Class of 2020 and 2021 high school graduates	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	All eligible students	
<b>CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Application deadline:</b>	March 2, 2021	March 2, 2021
<b>Additional requirements:</b>	Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form, if identified as potentially eligible	
<b>Population served:</b>	Students who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year; were California residents when they graduated high school (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); OR non-high school graduates or its equivalent that were a California resident at the age of 18; have at least a 2.4 CCC GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded and receive award payment at an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	All eligible students	
<b>CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENTITLEMENT AWARDS</b>		
<b>Application deadline:</b>	September 2, 2021	September 2, 2021
<b>Additional requirements:</b>	Must be on an Enrollment File at a California Community College	
<b>Population served:</b>	Students who were not awarded a Cal Grant A or B award at the time of the student's high school graduation but who will be enrolled at a California Community College during the award year and who meet all of the criteria, as specified (who meet all the general Cal Grant Eligibility requirements). In lieu of a high school GPA, applicants may submit a CCC GPA (at least 2.4 on a 4.0 scale for a Cal Grant A; 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for Cal Grant B) or can re-establish their GPA by completing at least 16 units of credit at CCC with at least a 2.0 GPA, as defined by CSAC regulations.	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	All eligible students	
<b>COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)</b>		
<b>Application deadlines:</b>	First deadline: March 2, 2021	
<b>Population served:</b>	Non high school graduates or transfer students	
<b>Selection criteria:</b>	Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors include the expected family contribution, family income and household size, GPA, years since high school graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	13,000 authorized awards.	

<b>CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)</b>	
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<b>September 2, 2021</b>
<b>Population served:</b>	<b>Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking an occupational or technical training</b>
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	<b>7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state Budget Bill</b>
<b>Additional requirements:</b>	<b>Completion of the C Supplement Form, if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible</b>
<b>STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (SWD)</b>	
<b>Population served:</b>	<b>Students attending a UC, CSU, or California Community College (CCC) who have dependent children under the age of 18 by July 1, 2021 for whom they provide more than half of their support during the academic year.</b>
<b>Award Amount:</b>	<b>Access award up to \$6,000 for qualifying Cal Grant A and B recipients and up to \$4,000 for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.</b>
<b>FOSTER YOUTH ACCESS AWARD (FYA) – CAL GRANT EXPANSION</b>	
<b>Population served:</b>	<b>A current and former foster youth student attending a UC, CSU, or California Community College (CCC) who is a person in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth’s 16th birthday and who is no older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year.</b>
<b>Award Amount:</b>	<b>Access award up to \$6,000 for qualifying new and renewal Cal Grant A and B recipients and up to \$4,000 for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.</b>

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program as administered by the California Student Aid Commission.

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