



# OPERATIONS MEMO

## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA



**October 9, 2015**

**GOM 2015-36**

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler   
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

**SUBJECT: 2015-16 September 2 Competitive Cal Grant Awards**

---

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) informs institutions that the award processing for the 2015-16 September 2 award cycle was completed.

- Over 203,198 financially eligible applicants were considered for the 12,875 September 2 awards.
- A 1000-point scoring system was applied for the September 2 award cycle (the same used for the March 2 award cycle).
- Following the scoring of all eligible applicants, the Commission set a cut-off score of 811 for applicants receiving an award offer.
- Awarded students were notified via email of their 2015-16 Cal Grant award offer and advised to use WebGrants for Students for further information on their Cal Grant status.

To assist in Competitive Cal Grant inquiries, please perform the following actions:

- View a breakdown of your students' Cal Grant scores by selecting the "Score Detail" button on the Student Award Detail screen on WebGrants.
- Identify students who are not attending your campus or are not eligible for the Cal Grant award on the WebGrants payment rosters. Refer to the Cal Grant Pay Codes User Guide in the WebGrants Help Center.

As a reminder, Institutions who submitted Leave of Absence (LA) requests for newly awarded Competitive Cal Grant students will no longer be accepted. The Commission will continue to receive and process **student-initiated** LA requests.

### **Need to contact us?**

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

***Working together to effectively promote education beyond high school!***