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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: 2020-21 Cal Grant High School Entitlement Award Offers

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the initial 2020-21 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (E1) award cycle.

2020-21 Preliminary E1 Award Offers

- Following the opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) on October 1, the Commission ran its initial E1 award cycle on December 20, 2019.
- Approximately **80,354** preliminary awards were offered to current high school seniors and 2019 high school graduates. **3,052** of the preliminary awards were offered to California Dream Act applicants.
- The Commission will continue to process applications weekly throughout the academic year.

College Claiming Process

- Beginning February 2020, students will be able to confirm their school of attendance via WebGrants 4 Students (WG4S). Students should not confirm their school of attendance unless they have been accepted by the college and submitted their intent to enroll. As students complete this step, the 2020-21 award amounts at Cal Grant eligible institutions will be reflected on the students' California Aid Report and their WG4S account.
- Colleges will be able to claim Cal Grant eligible students by submitting School Change Upload files beginning in February 2020. The WebGrants Display Roster will populate with Cal Grant eligible students who have confirmed their college of attendance via WG4S, and as institutions submit School Change Upload files.

Cal Grant Eligible Institutions

- A list of 2020-21 Cal Grant Eligible Institutions is available at the Commission's homepage.
- If a student lists an ineligible institution as their first choice on their FAFSA, the system will default to the next eligible institution for Cal Grant consideration.

- Students who only list ineligible institutions on their FAFSA will receive an “Application on Hold” notification requesting they select an eligible institution on the Application Correction screen in WG4S. The student will be reprocessed once they select an eligible institution.
- The CADAA does not permit students to choose an ineligible institution.

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