OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2023-24 CA Community College Cal Grant Entitlement Awards**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2023-24 California Community College (CCC) Cal Grant Entitlement Awards (E3 awards).

- The Commission processed initial 2023-24 preliminary E3 awards on May 15, 2023, and will continue to process additional awards on a weekly basis.

- **68,816** E3 awards were offered to CCC students. **1,430** of the awards were offered to California Dream Act applicants.

- As the Commission is unable to initially confirm CCC enrollment, students with potential eligibility receive a preliminary award and are placed on hold on the roster until attendance at a CCC is confirmed through an enrollment file or manually through the online roster.

- For the 2023-24 award year, the Commission will continue to select E3 awardees for Education Level verification.

E3 Award Eligibility

Students considered for a 2023-24 E3 award are those who:

- Did not receive a High School Entitlement or Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award.

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by September 5, 2023*.

- List at least one CCC in any position on their FAFSA or CADAA.

- Submit a 2023-24 verified grade point average (GPA) to the Commission by September 5, 2023*. GPA minimum requirements are:

  o HS GPA = 2.00 (Cal Grant B), 3.00 (Cal Grant A)
  o CCC GPA = 2.00 (Cal Grant B), 2.40 (Cal Grant A)
  o Reestablished GPAs = 2.00 (Cal Grant B)

Due to the September 2, 2023 Cal Grant deadline falling on a Saturday, the deadline is extended to the next business day on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, per section 6707 of the California Government Code.

E3 Award Portability

Students may use their E3 award upon transferring to a UC or CSU and are entitled to retain their remaining Cal Grant eligibility for the award if:

- E3 payment has been reported in WebGrants by a CCC for at least one term. **Note:** Students with a Cal Grant A award under the Students with Dependent Children (SWD) or Foster Youth Access (FYA), are not placed on Community College Reserve (CCR) and should be paid at California Community Colleges if eligible.

- They have a Cal Grant A award that is automatically placed on CCR for a period of 2 years. E3 payments cannot be reported for students on CCR while at a CCC. Students on CCR can use their E3 award upon transferring to a CSU or UC as long as their enrollment at a CCC has been verified prior to the transfer.

CCC Enrollment Submission

- The 2022-23 CCC enrollment submission will close on May 30, 2023.
- Beginning, Thursday, June 1, 2023, campuses will have the ability to submit 2023-24 enrollment files and confirm eligibility for E3 preliminary awards.

Training

A [training webinar for the CCC Entitlement (E3) Award](#) is available online. Cal Grant awards should be disbursed in accordance with the guidelines in [GOM 2021-31](#) and institutional disbursement policy. Students with Dependent Children (SWD) eligibility and disbursement FAQs can be found on the [SWD page](#) of the Commission's website.

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