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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2019-20 Cal Grant Renewal

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the 2019-20 Cal Grant renewal process that took place on June 21, 2019.

2018-19 Renewal Process

• Cal Grant recipients were renewed for the 2019-20 academic year if they met the following conditions:
  o Had all 2018-19 terms satisfied with a payment or another eligible transaction code posted on WebGrants, such as a Leave of Absence. Students who did not have qualifying 2018-19 transactions posted will be withdrawn from the program during the year-end reconciliation process.
  o Have completed a 2019-20 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.

• Students will continue to be renewed on a weekly basis as they complete their 2019-20 financial aid application and/or schools post eligible transactions on their records.

• Renewal applicants must continue to meet financial eligibility criteria. See Income and Asset Ceiling information for the 2019-20 academic year on the Commission’s website.
  o Students who were eligible for both Cal Grant A and B in the initial award year, but failed to meet the lower income and asset ceiling of Cal Grant B in the renewal year, are eligible to renew with a Cal Grant A.

• Cal Grant recipients who were ineligible for a renewal award during the prior year because they exceeded income and asset ceilings or did not demonstrate financial need, were eligible to receive a renewal award if:
  1. The recipient met all eligibility requirements for the 2019-20 renewal and;
  2. The recipient had remaining program award eligibility
  o The recipient’s Cal Grant eligibility was reduced by 100%

• Students were notified of their renewal eligibility or disqualification. Students may view their Cal Grant status in their WebGrants for Students account.

• Renewal award amounts were determined by both, school segment and the year in which the student entered the program.

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**Renewal Reports**

The WebGrants “Data Transfer” screen contains reports which identified both, disqualified students and those whose renewal eligibility could not be determined:

- **Disqualified Renewal Students**: This report identifies students who were disqualified for not meeting 2019-20 Cal Grant financial eligibility requirements.

- **Unable to Determine Renewal Eligibility**: This report identifies students with 2018-19 Cal Grant award offers that were withdrawn during year-end reconciliation because qualifying transaction codes were not reported for the 2018-19 award year.

Please contact Institutional Support if you have questions regarding students’ eligibility to renew their Cal Grant awards.

**Need to contact us?**

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