



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Cal Grant B Eligibility Expansion for Foster Youth - Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update to [GSA 2019-12](#) regarding the Cal Grant B lifetime eligibility expansion for current and former foster youth students.

Lifetime Eligibility Expansion for Cal Grant B Foster Youth Recipients

- The Commission has completed the needed Grant Delivery System changes for the lifetime eligibility expansion for Cal Grant B foster youth recipients. Eligible current and former foster youth who have been certified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and have an active Cal Grant B award, have received an adjustment to their grant eligibility.

Foster Youth Cal Grant B High School Entitlement Eligibility Expansion

- Current and former foster youth students are eligible to receive Cal Grant B High School Entitlement Award consideration as long as they have not yet reached 26 years of age as of July 1 of the initial award year and submit a qualifying high school GPA or test score, regardless of the date of high school graduation or the equivalent.
 - 2018-19 and 2019-20 students who met this eligibility criteria have been offered a Cal Grant B High School Entitlement award.
- Current and former foster youth students attending a California Community College (CCC) are eligible to receive Cal Grant B High School Entitlement Award consideration as long as they apply no later than September 2 of the academic year for which funds will be applied. Students in this category must appear on a CCC enrollment file for the corresponding academic year in order to receive award consideration.
 - 2018-19 students who met this eligibility criteria have been offered a Cal Grant B High School Entitlement award.
 - 2019-20 students who met this eligibility criteria, pending receipt of a 2019-20 Fall enrollment file, will receive a correspondence advising them of the requirements for the extended entitlement filing deadline for former foster youth.

Online Roster

- Institutions are able to identify these students on the online display roster with a **B-FY** program identifier and Foster Youth column as shown below:

SSN	DOB	Grant ID	Cycle ID	Housing Code	Dep Status	New / Renewal	EL Code	TANF	FOSTER YOUTH	CSAC Budget	EFC	Remain Elig	Forecast Elig	Roster Section
			C2	2	I	R	1		Y	*****	*****	712.50%	100.00%	ELIGIBLE(1)
Custom Codes		1	2	3	4	5								
Fall Term			Adj Reason Codes				Pay Status Codes				Delete Txn			
Program Code	Award Type	Annual Award	Term Amount	Adj Amount	Adj Reason	Pay Code	Annual Need	Income & Asset Year Used	Rec Type					
Totals		\$1,672	\$836				21164	2019						
B-FY	ACSS	\$1,672	\$836						GRT					
Spring Term			Adj Reason Codes				Pay Status Codes				Delete Txn			

- Institutions are also now able to customize their rosters to identify their current and former foster youth Cal Grant B awardees.

Select Data Elements and Column Order

- ◆ "Data Elements Available" contains a list of all available roster elements.
- ◆ Click and highlight each data element that you wish to display on your roster.
- ◆ For multiple selections, click on the first element and then hold down the CTRL key to select additional elements.
- ◆ Once items are highlighted, click on "Add Data Element(s)".
- ◆ The "Data Elements Selected" box will reflect the column headings that will display on your roster format.
- ◆ "Remove Data Element(s)" will delete the selected elements from your selection list.
- ◆ Use the "Move Up" and "Move Down" to order the individual column headings for display.
- ◆ After selecting data elements, click "Continue" to choose sort options.

Data Elements Available

Add Data Element(s)

Remove Data Element(s)

Data Elements Selected

Dep Status
 New / Renewal
 EL Code
 TANF
Foster Youth
 CSAC Budget
 EFC
 Remain Elig
 Forecast Elig
 Roster Section

Move Up

Move Down

Select Terms

Define Selection Criteria			
<p>▶ Check boxes below to limit the records you wish to display. ▶ A checked box means that only records with those values will be included. (If no box or every box is checked in a category, you will see all those records for your school.)</p>			
Cycle ID	<input type="checkbox"/> E1	<input type="checkbox"/> E2	<input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/> C2
Award Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition/Fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Access	<input type="checkbox"/> Books & Supplies
Housing Code	<input type="checkbox"/> On Campus (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Off Campus (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> With Parents (3)
Dependency Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	
EL (Education Level)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5+
EL Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Verification Not Required (1)		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Paid, Verif Required (2)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified As Reported (3)		<input type="checkbox"/> Verified with Change (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Verify (5)		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid, Verification Required (6)
New/Renewal Students	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Program Code	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> T
Section	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> CC Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible <input type="checkbox"/> Not In Attendance
Extra Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> TCP	<input type="checkbox"/> 5th Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Not TCP nor 5th Year
E1 On Hold Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Verification Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Verification Completed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Verification Not Required		
E2 On Hold Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting for G6 Return		<input type="checkbox"/> Requires Verification by School
	<input type="checkbox"/> School Verified Eligible		<input type="checkbox"/> School Verified Ineligible
Dream App Flag	<input type="checkbox"/> Dream App Student		<input type="checkbox"/> Non Dream App Student
TANF Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> TANF Eligible		<input type="checkbox"/> TANF Not Eligible
Foster Youth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Asset Hold Flag	<input type="checkbox"/> On Hold		<input type="checkbox"/> Release from Hold
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not On Hold		
Payment Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid		<input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid
Top 2% Cal B Entitlement Awards	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Adj Reason Codes			
	<input type="checkbox"/> FI	<input type="checkbox"/> FT	<input type="checkbox"/> HT <input type="checkbox"/> IG <input type="checkbox"/> LH

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