2017-18 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget.

Grant Criteria	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
Students must:	- *Be a California resident* - *Be a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or AB540* - *Attend an eligible California college or university* - *Be enrolled at least half time* - *Not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund*	*-Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements* - *Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school* - *Not have completed a prior baccalaureate degree*	
Eligibility based on:	*Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA*	*Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA*	*Financial need, income and asset ceilings. Cal Grant C Supplement Form*
Application forms:	*Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Verified GPA*		*FAFSA or CADAA and Verified GPA (recommended), Cal Grant C Supplement Form*
Minimum length of program:	*Two academic years, leading to a degree*	*One academic year, leading to a degree or certificate*	*Four months, in a recognized career or technical program only*
Eligibility time limit:	*Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year program)*		*Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years maximum at full-time equivalent—whichever is less*
Minimum need for new recipients:	*Maximum program award amount plus $1,500*	*$700*	*Maximum program award amount plus $1,500*
Type of assistance:	*Tuition and fee assistance only*	*Access costs (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition/fee plus access costs thereafter*	*Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs (including books and supplies)*
New recipient annual award amounts:	*System-wide tuition and fees at CSU and UC campuses unless adjusted in annual state Budget Act. For independent colleges, the amount is set in the annual state Budget Act*	*In the first year, students receive access costs of $1,672; in subsequent years, students receive access costs plus a tuition and fee award in the same amount as Cal Grant A*	*$547 training related costs and up to $2,462 tuition and fees at colleges other than a CA Community College $1094 Books & Supplies at a CA Community College*
Special award category:	*California Community College (CCC) Reserve: eligible CCC students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two years until they attend a four-year school*	*Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both access costs and tuition and fees in the first year*	*None*
Renewal process:	- *Submit the FAFSA or CADAA* - *Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria* - *Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by your school of attendance* - *Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status*		

California Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131) allows undocumented and documented students who meet AB 540 eligibility requirements to:
- apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities
- apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as Cal Grant, Chafee, community college fee waiver and institutional grants

For each program listed below, students must meet all of the general eligibility requirements, plus those applicable to their award:

HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
	Cal Grant A	**Cal Grant B**
Application deadline:	*March 2, 2017*	*March 2, 2017*
Population served:	*2016-17 and 2017-18 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school GPA*	*2016-17 and 2017-18 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA*
Number of new awards:	*All eligible students*	

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	*March 2, 2017*	*March 2, 2017*
Additional requirements:	*Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible*	
Population served:	*Students who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year; were California residents when they graduated (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); OR commencing with 2017-18, non-high school graduates or its equivalent that were a California resident at the age of 18; have at least a 2.4 California Community College GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded; must transfer to and receive award payment at an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year*	
Number of new awards:	*All eligible students*	

COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)	
Application deadlines:	*First deadline: March 2, 2017* *Second deadline: September 2, 2017 for California Community College students only*
Population served:	*Students from low and middle-income families*
Selection criteria:	*Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors include financial, GPA, parental education and marital status, family income and size, years since HS graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education.*
Number of new awards:	*25,750 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2017 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2017 deadline*

CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)	
Application deadline:	*March 2, 2017*
Population served:	*Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking a vocational career or technical education*
Number of new awards:	*7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state Budget Bill*
Additional requirements:	*Completion of the C Supplement Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible*

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program as administered by the California Student Aid Commission.
For more information, visit www.csac.ca.gov or www.calgrants.org. For detailed descriptions, please refer to California Education Code.