

Ineligibility Fact Sheet

2019-20
CAL GRANT

This information sheet explains the reason you were not awarded a Cal Grant. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, the Commission is not able to award every student who applies for a Cal Grant. Remember, just because you are not receiving a Cal Grant does not mean you are not eligible to receive other financial aid! Please check with your financial aid office at your school if you have questions or concerns regarding financial aid. They may be able to assist you in identifying other sources of financial aid that are available to you, including federal and college grants, scholarships, loans and work-study.

Why didn't I get an award?

Each Cal Grant program has requirements which must be met in order to be awarded a Cal Grant. A description of non-awarded reasons is listed below. However, the most common reason students are ineligible for an award is based on their reported income and assets, see [2019-20 Cal Grant Income and Assets](#). Go to [WebGrants for Students](#) (WG4S) to view your reported income and assets. Your Cal Grant status information in the Student Award Detail screen may read like this:

Award Status Summary	
STATUS	REASON
CAL GRANT A: NOT AWARDED	<u>GPA BELOW MINIMUM</u>
CAL GRANT B: NOT AWARDED	MINIMUM NEED NOT MET
CAL GRANT C: NOT AWARDED INELIGIBLE COURSE LENGTH	

Reason:

School Not Eligible for Cal Grant A, B, or C
 Enrollment Level (EL) Greater than 4
 Ineligible Course of Study or Degree Certificate
 Indication of Prior Bachelor's Degree
 No California School Listed
 State of Legal Residence Not California
 Not a California Resident at Time of Graduation

Not Pursuing an Undergraduate Degree

No GPA/Test Scores Provided

GPA Below Minimum
 Score Below Cutoff

Minimum Need Not Met

Reported Income over the Ceiling

Reported Assets over the Ceiling

What It Means:

- Your school must be eligible to participate in a Cal Grant program.
- Cal Grants are not offered to students beyond the college senior level.
- Cal Grant C awards are not for students pursuing a Bachelor's degree.
- Awards are not offered to students who already have a Bachelor's degree.
- Student must attend a Cal Grant eligible college or university in California.
- Student must be a California resident.
- For some programs, students must be California residents at the time of high school graduation.
- Graduate level students (beyond a Bachelor's degree) are not eligible to receive a Cal Grant award.
- School certified GPA or test score was not submitted by the March 2nd deadline.
- A minimum high school GPA or college GPA is required for Cal Grant
- Based on the information you provided on your application, you did not score high enough for a Competitive Cal Grant award. Scoring is based on GPA, Total Income/Family size, number of years out of High School, College Education level, etc. Your overall score was lower than required to be awarded.
- You did not have enough financial need at the first California college you Listed on your FAFSA or CADAA. Financial need is determined by subtracting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the cost of attendance at the school.
- Applicants whose family incomes were above the maximum Cal Grant income levels were not selected for a Cal Grant award.
- Applicants whose family assets were above the maximum Cal Grant asset levels were not selected for a Cal Grant award.

Can I make corrections?

Only High School Entitlement Cal Grant and Transfer Entitlement applicants may submit corrections after the award selection. High School Entitlement students are those who graduated from high school within 1 year of application and who applied using their high school GPA. Transfer Entitlement students are those who are transferring directly from a California Community College to a 4- Year university. Competitive Cal Grant applicants cannot submit corrections through their FAFSA or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

Entitlement applicants should review their 2019-20 FAFSA or CADAA for Cal Grant consideration and file any corrections, including the colleges under consideration.

If you feel your GPA was not correctly calculated, you must have a correction filed by the school that submitted the GPA.

What are the Cal Grant minimum qualifications?

You must be a U.S. citizen or meet non-resident exemption requirements, be a California resident; attend a qualifying California college; demonstrate financial need at the college; be in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate; not have a bachelor's or professional degree before receiving a Cal Grant; not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant; not be in default on a student loan; meet the GPA requirements; and fall below the income and asset ceilings listed below.

What are the 2019-20 Income Ceilings for the Cal Grant program?

Applicant's family income includes the total taxable and non-taxable income, as reported on the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.

Cal Grant Income Ceilings

Dependent students and independent students with dependents other than spouse:

Cal Grant A & C

\$92,100 for a family of two
\$94,400 for a family of three
\$102,500 for a family of four
\$109,900 for a family of five
\$118,500 for a family of six or more

Cal Grant B

\$43,000 for a family of two
\$48,500 for a family of three
\$53,900 for a family of four
\$60,300 for a family of five
\$65,100 for a family of six or more

Independent students with no dependents other than a spouse:

Cal Grant A, B & C

\$37,600 for single students
\$43,000 for married students (with no dependents)
Income compared against the ceilings includes taxable and nontaxable income

What are the 2019-20 Asset Ceilings for the Cal Grant program?

For dependent students or independent students with dependents other than a spouse - \$79,300

For single independent students and married students with no dependents - \$37,700

What can I do now?

Be sure to contact your college financial aid office for more financial aid opportunities. If you plan to attend a California Community College this fall, you have another opportunity to compete for a Cal Grant award. Be sure to complete and submit your FAFSA by September 2nd. Another 12,875 Cal Grant awards will be available at that time to qualified applicants. Talk to the Financial Aid Office at your California Community College about applying for a Cal Grant!

