

Golden State Teacher Grant Program

Coordinator's Guide



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Program Overview

The 2019-20 California State Budget established the Golden State Teacher Grant Program (GSTG). This program was designed to provide funding for students who are currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program to earn a teaching credential in a high need field and commit to teach at a priority school, in California for four years, within five years after completing a teacher preparation program. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) provides GSTG awards of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to participants enrolled in eligible teacher preparation programs leading to a preliminary teaching credential approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) within an accredited California institution of higher education or in an approved program administered through a local education agency (LEA).

To be eligible for an award, applicants must agree to teach in a high-need area as specified in Assembly Bill 132 (AB 132, Chapter 144, Statutes of 2021), enacted on July 27, 2021, which provides the authority behind the broadening of the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program. California Education Code Section 69617 authorizes CSAC to continue to provide GSTG awards to eligible teaching candidates through June 30, 2026, or until funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

2021-22 Budgetary Changes

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is pleased to announce an expansion of the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program. The 2021-22 enacted budget increased funding for the GSTG Program from \$15 million in 2020-21 to \$500 million for 2021-22.

The enacted budget also expanded the high need field from solely special education to now include the following high need fields to:

- Bilingual education
- Mathematics or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including career technical education in STEM areas
- Science
- Special education
- Multiple subject instruction
- Transitional kindergarten
- Other subjects as designated annually by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing based on an analysis of the availability of teachers in California pursuant to Education Code Section 44225.6.

Additionally, program participants that are enrolled in teaching preparation coursework concurrently with a teaching intern and residency program are eligible. The State of California is committed to increasing the number of teachers at 'priority schools' and has allocated \$500 million beginning in the 2021-22 academic year for GSTG awards.

A 'priority school' means a school with 55 percent or more of its pupils being unduplicated pupils, as defined in subdivision (b) of California Education Code Section 42238.02. The CTC in consultation with the California Department of Education (CDE) will publish a list of priority schools, based on the most recent data available to the CTC and CDE.

Application Process

The GSTG Program application is available on the CSAC website at <https://gstg.csac.ca.gov>.

Participants must complete a 2021-22 GSTG application and indicate the school and the program in which they are enrolled. Applicants attending institutions of higher education must also submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to be considered. Once the applicant submits an application, the applicant's institution will need review the awarding guidelines and log into [WebGrants](#) to verify the student's eligibility.

Awarding Guidelines

- Grant funds shall be used to supplement and not supplant other sources of grant financial aid. [*California Education Code 69617 (3)*]
- The GSTG may be used to replace subsidized loans and unsubsidized loans in accordance with the Institutional financial aid packaging rules.
- The GSTG may replace the Expected Family Contribution portion of the applicant's award package in accordance with the institution's financial aid packaging rules.
- The GSTG plus any other estimated financial aid shall not exceed the cost of attendance. Please adhere to the award packaging and over award rules in accordance with the institution's/agency's financial aid policies.
- The GSTG award offer through CSAC is for the academic year in which the applicant applied. Institutions/agencies should apply the same academic year definition used for financial aid awards for applicants in enrolled in the teacher preparation program.
- Disbursement of GSTG funds shall be divided in equal disbursements dependent on the term type of the participating institution.
- GSTG disbursements may be used to pay other institutional charges in accordance with the institution's/agency's financial aid disbursement policy.
- GSTG is not subject to any refund or return of aid policies should the applicant withdraw from the term or program. Any GSTG disbursements received by the applicant is inclusive of the commitment and obligation of the program. The grant recipient is subject to the repayment obligations as defined in the Education Code.

WebGrants

This section provides step-by-step instructions on how to use the two new screens: 'Institution Roster' and 'Application Status', available on [WebGrants](#) for GSTG. These screens are the primary way to view student information and verify eligibility (which will trigger payment). To be able to access this information, institutions must already have access to WebGrants. If you have any questions about gaining access to WebGrants, please contact us via email at: goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov.

Viewing a Student Application

1. Under the GST section, click on the 'Application Status'.



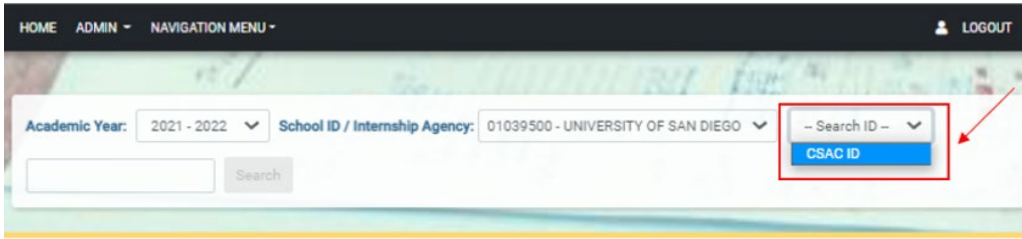
GST

- [Institution Roster](#)
- [Application Status](#)

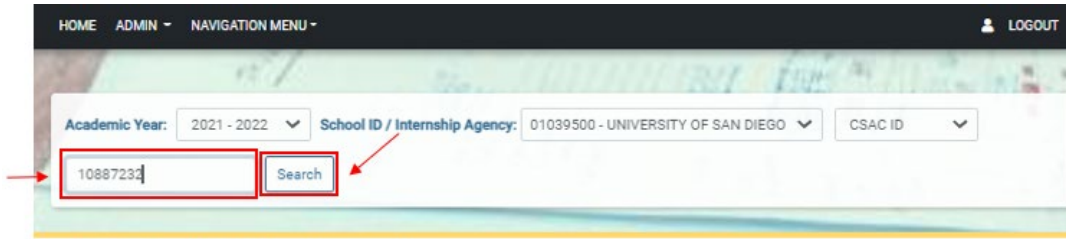
2. Please select the academic year for which you want to search.

3. Please select your school.

4. Select 'CSAC ID' as the Search ID.



5. Input the student's CSAC ID and click 'Search'.



6. This will populate the student's application information.

Home > GST > School Admin > Application Status

Demographic Details

Name	DAVID GONZALEZ	CSAC ID	108872323
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]	Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]	Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Cell Phone Number	--		

Application Details

Academic Year	2021	Student ID Assigned By Campus	[REDACTED]
1. Enrollment Flag Type	On Campus	4. Institution	01039500 - UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
2. Credential(s) Emergency	No Preliminary No Clear No	5. Pursuing Credential	Single Subject
3. Institution / Internship Agency	Institution	6. High Need Teaching Area	Special Education

Application Status History

STATUS DESCRIPTION	STATUS DATE	STATUS COMMENT
PENDING REVIEW	10/11/2021	
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WAITING TA	10/07/2021	
PENDING REVIEW	09/20/2021	

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- In the 'Application Status History' section, under 'STATUS DESCRIPTION' you can see the status of the application. You can also find this information on 'Institution Roster' Screen under 'STATUS DESCRIPTION'. (Please see below for a definition of terms).

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OR

HOME ADMIN NAVIGATION MENU LOGOUT

School ID / Internship Agency: 01039500 - UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO Academic Year: 2021 - 2022 App Status:

ALL -- CSAC ID/ Name -- Search

Home > GST > School Admin > School Roster

Search Result - UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Total Number of Records: 3

Search:

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VIEW	CSAC ID	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	M. I.	DOB	PROCESS STATUS
👁	108872323	DAVID	GONZALEZ		01/26/1999	PENDING REVIEW
👁	111942335	MARIA	JUNO	B	06/02/1980	WAITING TA
👁	111953893	SWERTE	AGNO	S	10/15/2000	SIGNED TA

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Definition of Terms:

Term	Definition
PENDING REVIEW	Waiting on review from institution to verify eligibility .
WAITING TA	Status after school certifies and requests payment, Student will be sent Teaching Agreement (TA) to sign.
SIGNED TA	Student has signed TA.
FUNDED	Student had been paid.
INELIGIBLE	Student is no longer eligible for the program.
SELF DECLINE	Student has self-declined GSTG.

Verifying Student Eligibility

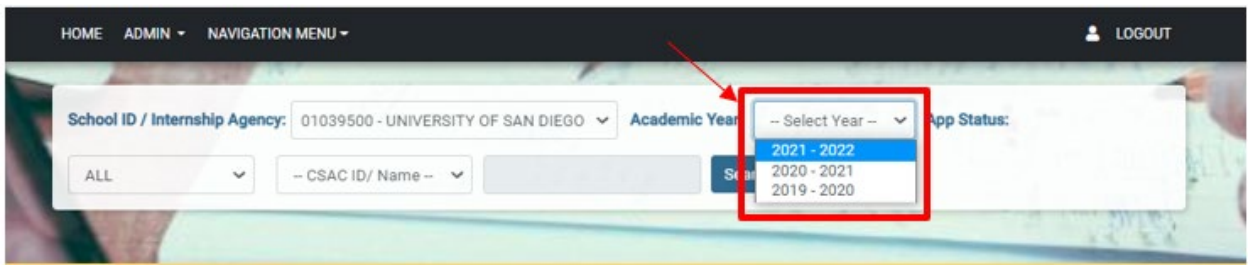
The institution will need to verify enrollment in an approved program leading to a preliminary credential in a high-need field. The financial aid office or LEA will also need to provide financial aid information (cost of attendance (COA), expected family contribution (EFC), other aid) to determine an award amount. In coordination with the Financial Aid Office or LEA, the applicant may opt for a lesser award amount based on individual preference. Please follow the steps below to verify eligibility on [WebGrants](#).

1. Under the GST section, click on the 'Institution Roster'.

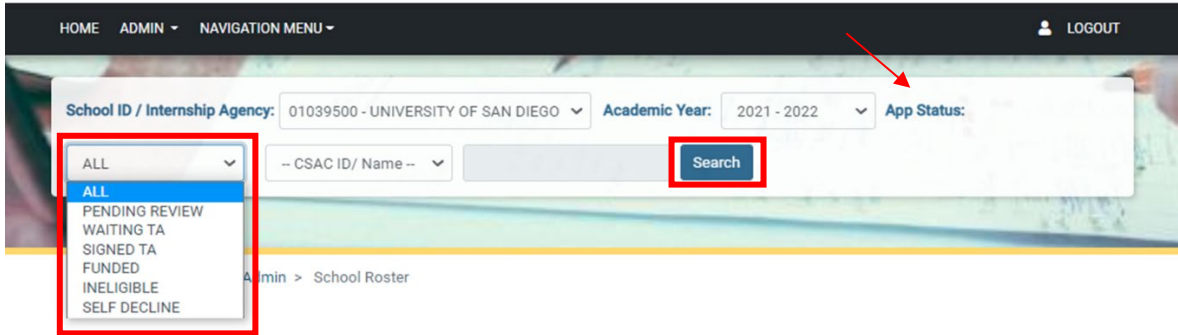


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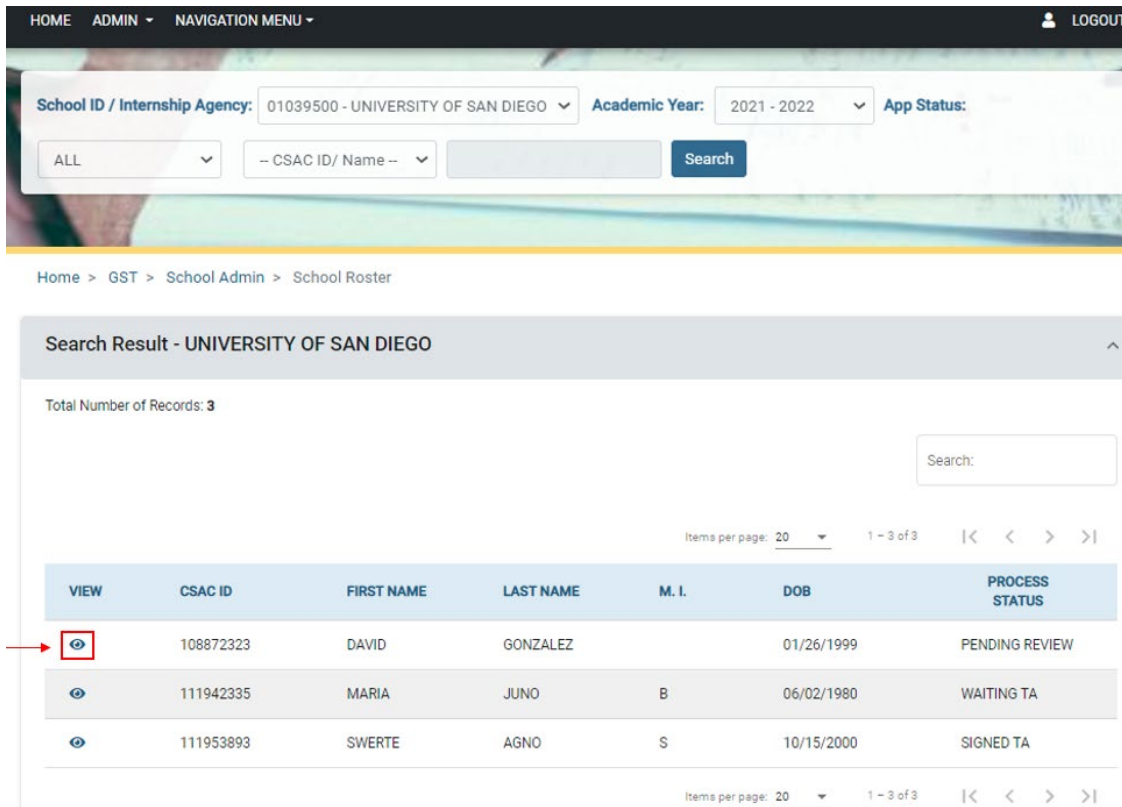
- [Institution Roster](#)
- [Application Status](#)



- Under 'App Status' select 'ALL' to view all students on your roster. Click 'Search' (you may also search for students individually by name or CSAC ID).



- Once your roster populates, you may click on the eye icon under the 'VIEW' section to pull up a student's roster individually.



- 5. This will populate the individual student's roster. Under the 'Admin Section' is where you will fill out the required information to certify and request a payment.

Home > GST > School Admin > School Roster

Demographic Details ▾

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Cell Phone Number	--		


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Student Teaching Agreement Status ▾

Current application status is PENDING REVIEW. Application status has to be Waiting TA status before accepting the TA.

Admin Section ▾



- Under the 'Admin Section', you will find the 'Award/Payment Details' section. In this section, you will certify that the information listed under that section is accurate. You will also input the data requested.

Admin Section ▼

Application Status

Current Status **PENDING REVIEW**

Current Status Comments

New Status PENDING REVIEW ▼

New Status Comments

Award/Payment Details

Enrolled after January 1, 2020 in High Need Field Yes No

High need teaching area

- Bilingual Education
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Career Technical Education (STEM)
- Science
- Special Education
- Technology
- Multiple Subject Instruction
- Other

Eligible Yes No

Terms Attending Fall Winter Spring Summer

Cost of Attendance

Family Contribution

Other Aid

Unmet Need

Award Amount

Requested Award Amount

Confirmed By

Signed Date

Submit
Reset

- Please review the information in the first 3 sections for accuracy.

Award/Payment Details

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- Bilingual Education
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- Multiple Subject Instruction
- Other

Eligible Yes No

NOTE: If the student is no longer eligible, please click, 'No' and select the reason they are no longer eligible, then click 'Submit' and the bottom of the page. No further action is needed.

Eligible Yes No

If not eligible select the reason

- Graduated
- Not Enrolled
- Not High Need Field Area
- Not Making SAP

- If the student is still eligible, please continue by selecting the terms the student will be attending for the **entire** academic year. This will determine how the student is paid. Please reserve saving data until **all fields** are complete.

Terms Attending Fall Winter Spring Summer

Cost of Attendance

(75982)

Family Contribution

Other Aid

Unmet Need

Award Amount

Requested Award Amount

Confirmed By

Signed Date

- In the 'Cost of Attendance' field, please input the cost of attendance.

Terms Attending Fall Winter Spring Summer

Cost of Attendance

(75982)

Family Contribution

Other Aid

Unmet Need

Award Amount

Requested Award Amount

Confirmed By

Signed Date

10. In the 'Family Contribution' field, please input the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This will automatically populate a number in the 'Unmet Need' field.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	30000 (75982)
Family Contribution	0
Other Aid	
Unmet Need	30000
Award Amount	
Requested Award Amount	
Confirmed By	
Signed Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>

11. In the 'Other Aid' field, enter the total aid received. Follow your school's policy on what constitutes 'Other Aid'.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	30000 (75982)
Family Contribution	0
Other Aid	10000
Unmet Need	30000
Award Amount	
Requested Award Amount	
Confirmed By	
Signed Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>

12. Please do not change the 'Unmet Need' field as it populates the total from subtracting 'Family Contribution' and 'Other Aid' from the 'Cost of Attendance'.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	30000 (75982)
Family Contribution	0
Other Aid	10000
Unmet Need	20000
Award Amount	
Requested Award Amount	
Confirmed By	
Signed Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>

13. For the 'Award Amount' field, if the unmet need is over 20,000 the award amount should be 20,000. If the unmet need is less than 20,000 the award amount should be the same as the unmet need.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	30000 (75982)
Family Contribution	0
Other Aid	10000
Unmet Need	20000
Award Amount	20000
Requested Award Amount	
Confirmed By	
Signed Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>

14. In the 'Requested Award Amount' field, please input the amount that you are requesting for the **entire** academic year. As a reminder, this amount should not exceed 20,000 or the unmet need if the unmet need is less than 20,000. Please note: Entering data in this field will trigger a payment request once the teaching agreement (TA) is completed by the student.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	30000 (75982)
Family Contribution	0
Other Aid	10000
Unmet Need	20000
Award Amount	20000
Requested Award Amount	20000
Confirmed By	
Signed Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>

15. In the 'Confirmed By' field, please input your WebGrants user ID.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	30000 (75982)
Family Contribution	0
Other Aid	10000
Unmet Need	20000
Award Amount	20000
Requested Award Amount	20000
Confirmed By	CVG2187
Signed Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>

16. In the 'Signed Date' field please enter the date.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	<input type="text" value="30000"/> (75982)
Family Contribution	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Other Aid	<input type="text" value="10000"/>
Unmet Need	<input type="text" value="20000"/>
Award Amount	<input type="text" value="20000"/>
Requested Award Amount	<input type="text" value="20000"/>
Confirmed By	<input type="text" value="CVG2187"/>
Signed Date	<input type="text" value="10/13/2021"/>

17. Then click 'Submit'.

Terms Attending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
Cost of Attendance	<input type="text" value="30000"/> (75982)
Family Contribution	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Other Aid	<input type="text" value="10000"/>
Unmet Need	<input type="text" value="20000"/>
Award Amount	<input type="text" value="20000"/>
Requested Award Amount	<input type="text" value="20000"/>
Confirmed By	<input type="text" value="CVG2187"/>
Signed Date	<input type="text" value="10/13/2021"/>

Teaching Agreement

Once the applicant's eligibility has been verified and the 'Requested Award Amount' field has been filled out by the institution, eligible GSTG applicants will receive an email to log into their portal to sign the Teaching Agreement (TA). The TA outlines the requirements of the program and stipulates that CSAC will authorize a one-time grant, with the amount stipulated on the TA, to an eligible applicant who commits to teach in a high-need field at a priority school for four years. The applicants must sign the TA within **30 days** to be certified as a participant in the GSTG program. Once the teaching agreement is completed a student will be eligible to receive their GSTG payment. Participants who do not return the TA in the allotted time will not be eligible to participate.

Institutions will need to notify CSAC once the applicant has completed their program. CSAC will verify the participant's credential date with the CTC. An employment verification form will be sent to each participant.

Payment Timeline

- The GSTG Coordinator completes the GSTG 'Institution Roster' on WebGrants and indicates an applicant's eligibility and the amount of funding they are eligible to receive.
- Upon the institution verifying eligibility on WebGrants, CSAC will send an email to the applicant to log into their portal to sign the GSTG TA. The TA outlines the terms and conditions of receiving the grant.
- The applicant logs into their portal and must sign the TA within thirty (30) days.
- CSAC updates the GSTG Roster with the date the applicant returned the TA.
- CSAC processes a payment to the applicant. Warrants will be made out to the applicant.
- Checks will be mailed out directly to institutions 4-6 weeks after the TA has been completed.

Repayment Requirements

Obligations will begin either after completing the teacher credential program or, if the participant fails to maintain good academic standing or complete the program, as noted within the repayment requirements.

Students will be required to repay the GSTG if at any point during the five years after gaining their teaching credential if they fail to comply with the requirements outlined in the TA. Failure to meet the four-year teaching obligation requires the grant recipient to repay the State twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount awarded annually for each year the recipient fails to do one or more of the following:

- Be enrolled in or have successfully completed a teacher preparation program approved by the CTC.
- While enrolled in the teacher preparation program, maintain good academic standing.
- Complete the required teaching service following completion of the teacher preparation program.

CSAC will collect twenty five percent (25%) annually for each year of non-compliance.

Any exceptions to repayment are outlined in section 4 of Education code 69617:

Any exceptions to the requirement for repayment shall be defined by the commission, and may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, counting a school year towards the required four-year teaching requirement if a grant recipient is unable to complete the school year when any of the following occur:

(A) The grant recipient has completed at least one-half of the school year.

(B) The employer deems the grant recipient to have fulfilled the grant recipient's contractual requirements for the school year for the purposes of salary increases, probationary or permanent status, and retirement.

(C) The grant recipient was not able to teach due to the financial circumstances of the school district, including a decision to not reelect the employee for the next succeeding school year.

(D) The grant recipient has a condition covered under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.) or similar state law.

(E) The grant recipient was called or ordered to active-duty status for more than 30 days as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

If you have any questions that are not clarified in this guide, please contact CSAC's GSTG Program Analyst at: www.goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov.