

# California Student Aid Commission

## Cal Grant Overview





# Cal Grant Application Process

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# Application Submission

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of web portals. The background screenshot is the FAFSA website, featuring the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. The foreground screenshot is the California Student Aid Commission website, featuring the 'CA.GOV' logo and the text 'California Student Aid Commission'. The foreground screenshot prominently displays the 'CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT Apply by March 2' banner, which includes a photo of a young woman and a text box stating: 'The California Dream Act Application allows students enrolled in eligible California Colleges, Universities, and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid. This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.' Below the banner, there are three columns of application options: 'New to The California Dream Act?', 'Provide a Parent Signature', and 'Returning User?'. Each column contains a list of conditions and a green button to proceed.

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Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college.

**NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?**  
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

**RETURNING USER?**  
Correct info • Add a school  
View your Student Aid Report

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### CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT Apply by March 2

The California Dream Act Application allows students enrolled in eligible California Colleges, Universities, and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid. This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

[Check out our California Dream Act information & resources.](#)

**Announcements:**

- To apply for a Cal Grant support a California Dream Act Application by March 2.
- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the online California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**New to The California Dream Act?**  
Select this option if you:  
• Have never filed a CA Dream Act Application  
• Want to start a new CA Dream Act Application  
• Are ready to get started

**Provide a Parent Signature**  
Select this option if you:  
• Need to request Parent PIN  
• Forgot your Parent PIN  
• Need to sign your Student's application

**Returning User?**  
Select this option if you want to:  
• Continue or renew your CA Dream Act Application  
• Update or correct current CA Dream Act Application  
• View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and more...

**Start A New Application** | **Sign Student Application** | **Login**

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# Application Deadlines

## March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Students attending any Cal Grant Eligible School can apply
- Cal Grant A, B, and C awards granted
- Entitlement & Competitive awards

## September 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Students enrolled at a CCC
- Cal Grant A and B
- Competitive awards only
  - **NEW in 2019-20:** CADAA applicants are now eligible
  - Exception: Foster youth who qualify for Cal Grant B are *Entitlement* applicants



# Grade Point Averages (GPAs)

GPAs are submitted to the Commission by high schools and colleges

- High School GPA
- Reestablished Community College GPA
- College GPA

SAT, ACT, GED, TASC, HiSET allowed if:

- Student does not have a GPA
- Coursework cannot be converted to a 4.00
- Attended a non-accredited high school



# GPA Unit Requirements

## Reestablished GPA:

- 16 – 23 semester units
- 24 – 35 quarter units
- Valid for Competitive Grant B only

## Regular GPA:

- 24+ semester units
- 36+ quarter units



If unable to calculate GPA due to too few units, refer student to last school of attendance with the most completed units.



# GPA Submission Options

## High School GPA

- Used for High School Entitlement awards
- Colleges can submit a HS GPA if they obtain HS transcripts and student is within 1 year of HS graduation

## 2019-20 Student Late GPA Appeal (G-17)

- Entitlement: Deadline May 16, 2019
- Competitive Cycles:
  - March 2: Deadline March 22, 2019
  - September 2: Deadline September 22, 2019



# Basic Eligibility Requirements

\*US Citizen, Eligible Non-citizen

\*CA resident

\*SSN

Maintain SAP

Not Earned a BA

Not Incarcerated

Attend Cal Grant Eligible College

GPA

Meet Selective Service

Not Default on Title IV Student Loan

Enrolled at least half time

Not owe a refund of any Title IV grant or state grant

(\*Requirements are supplanted by other eligibility criteria for AB 540/AB 200/SB 68 students)

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# California Residency

- CSAC makes initial determination based on FAFSA/CADAA
- Institutions make final residency determination

## **Married or 18+**

Based on  
their own  
CA  
residency  
status

## **Under 18**

Based on  
residency  
of their  
parents



# Test Your Knowledge!



Question: If a student meets residency requirements mid-year, is that student still eligible for a Cal Grant that award year?

Answer: Yes; that student would just need to post a Leave of Absence (LA) for ineligible terms prior to the determined residency date.



# Citizenship Requirements

Must be a U.S citizen

Eligible non-citizen

- U.S Permanent Resident (I-551)
- Conditional Permanent Resident (I-551C)
- USCIS Arrival-Departure Record (I-94)
  - “Refugee”
  - “Asylum-Granted”
  - “Cuban-Haitian Entrant”
  - Battered Immigrant-  
Qualified Alien
  - Victims of human trafficking
  - T-Visa holder
  - U-Visa holder
  - “Parolee” for at least 1 year with  
intent to become U.S  
citizen/Permanent Resident



# Incarcerated Students

Not eligible for Cal Grant benefits

Can apply for Cal Grant if they will be able to accept award upon release

Not considered incarcerated if:

- In a half-way house
- While on home detention
- Sentenced to serve only weekends



# Defaults / Overpayments

To be eligible for a Cal Grant, a student must:

- Not be in default on a Title IV student loan
- Not owe a Title IV or state grant overpayment

To regain eligibility, a student must:

- Contact their financial aid office for additional information
- Repay full amount or be making acceptable payments



# Satisfactory Academic Progress

*The Commission follows federal Title IV SAP requirements*

Institution's SAP policy must include these elements:

- Qualitative component (GPA)
- Quantitative component (Pace)
- Maximum time-frame (150% of normal program length)
- Incremental measurement (how often is SAP checked)
- Appeal process
- Procedures for re-establishing SAP eligibility

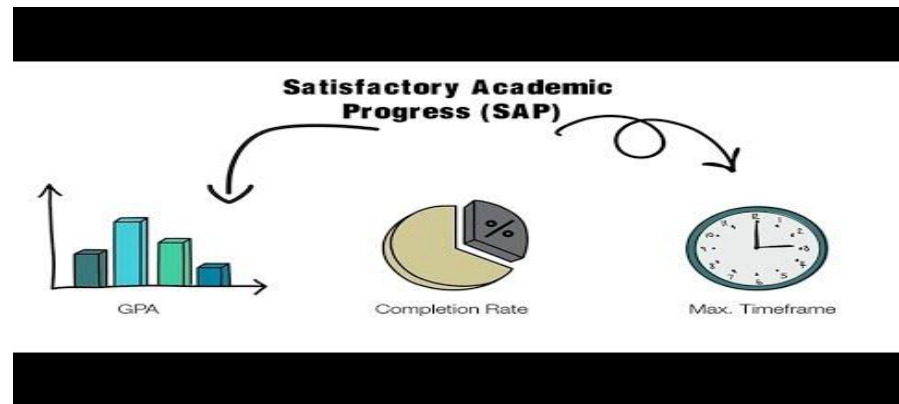
Schools must check SAP before disbursing funds



# Satisfactory Academic Progress

Retain the following documentation:

- SAP Policy
- Transcripts
- SAP Letters



Ensure that your institution is:

- Implementing your SAP policy
- Monitoring students for SAP
- Notifying students not meeting SAP



# Satisfactory Academic Progress

## Sample Institutional SAP Policy:

- Students must obtain a GPA of 2.0 or higher and successfully complete at least 75% of their units attempted
- SAP measurement is determined at the end of each term
- Students who do not meet SAP will be placed on Financial Aid Warning for the following semester and can receive financial aid
- Students who fail to meet SAP during the warning term will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension and will not receive financial aid





# SAP Scenario

At the end of the Fall term, student obtains a cumulative GPA of 1.80

**Based on this information, what should the institution do?**

- Place the student on Financial Aid Warning and provide a warning letter to the student, prior to the start of the Spring term
- Retain letter in student file (paper or electronic)



# Test Your Knowledge!



Q

At the end of the Spring term, the student fails to meet SAP again. What should the institution do next?

A

**Place student on Financial Aid Suspension; Report 'NP' in WebGrants; after 3 consecutive terms student Cal Grant will be withdrawn**



# Bachelor Degree Holders

## Ineligible for Cal Grant

- Includes: Bachelor degree holders from foreign or unaccredited schools

## Exception

- Teaching Credential Programs
- Mandatory 5<sup>th</sup> year programs





# Consortium Agreements

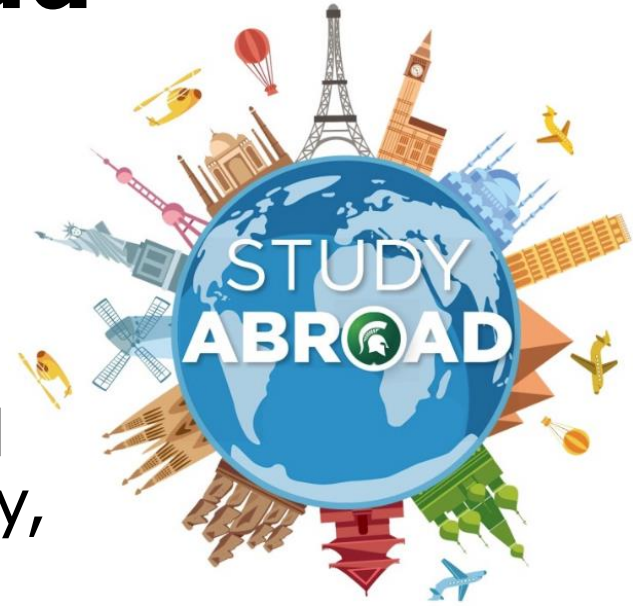
- A contractual agreement between affiliated schools
- Specifies which institution will have financial aid responsibility
- Allows eligibility based on total units
- Authorized under federal regulations contained in 34 CFR Section 600.9

***For more information refer to  
the federal Student Financial Aid Handbook***



# Study Abroad

- Cal Grant payments are allowed if a formal agreement exists
- Home campus charges tuition and fees, verifies financial aid eligibility, and posts payments
- Students should not assume eligibility
- Cost of attendance is not automatically updated





# Distance Learning

Distance Learning may be referred to as Online Education

Cal Grant payments are allowed, if all of the following are true:

- The campus where student is enrolled is a Cal Grant eligible institution and is located in California
- All other Cal Grant eligibility requirements are met



# Financial Need Calculation

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ \hline \text{Unmet Financial Need} \end{array}$$

- **Cal Grant A** Financial Need Maximum Cal Grant A Award amount + \$1,500
- **Cal Grant B** Financial Need of at least \$700
- **Cal Grant C** Financial Need Maximum Cal Grant C award amount + \$1,500



# Student Expense Budget

- Adjusted annually using the California Consumer Price Indices
- Include standardized allowances for food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, and personal/miscellaneous expenses based on a nine-month academic year
- Actual campus budget information provided by the institutions on WebGrants, or on a College Cost Estimate form, will be used for Cal Grant awarding



# Income and Asset Requirement

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
<b>Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse</b>		
<b>Family size:</b>		
Six or more	\$118,500	\$65,100
Five	\$109,900	\$60,300
Four	\$102,500	\$53,900
Three	\$94,400	\$48,500
Two	\$92,100	\$43,000
<b>Independent students</b>		
Single, no dependents	\$37,600	\$37,600
Married, no other dependents	\$43,000	\$43,000

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students <sup>1</sup>	\$79,300
Independent students	\$37,700

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# Test Your Knowledge



Q

A high school student graduates in 2019 with a 2.9 GPA, has a household income of \$50,000, and has a family size of three. Does this student qualify for a Cal Grant?

A

No, this student does not qualify because their GPA is below the 'Cal Grant A' 3.0 requirement and the student's household income is higher than the Cal Grant B ceiling cap set at \$48,500 for family sizes of three or less.



# Total Income

## Whose income?

- For dependent students – Parent income
- For independent students – Student (and spouse) income is used

## How is it calculated?

- Figure received directly from a sub-calculation on the ISIR called the “Total Income”
- $AGI + \text{Untaxed Income} - \text{Exemptions to Income} = \text{TOTAL INCOME}$



# Assets

Asset total is the sum of:

- 100% of reported cash, savings and checking accounts
- 100% of net worth of investments, including real estate
- Approximately 40% of business and farm assets per the amount from federal EFC formula tables A4 & B3 (100+ employees)

The Asset figure is taken from a sub-calculation on the ISIR called the “Net Worth.”



# Test Your Knowledge!



Q

Which of the following is not considered an asset for financial aid purposes?

1. Gold bars buried in the backyard
2. The paid off Honda Civic in the driveway
3. The \$23 in the bank account



# Cycles and Types

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# Award Cycles

## CAL GRANT A & B

### ENTITLEMENT

- Unlimited
- FAFSA & CADAA filers

#### E1

- HS Seniors & prior year grads
- HS GPA

#### E2

- Transfer from CCC>4-year university
- 2.4 CCC GPA

### COMPETITIVE

- Limited (41,000)
- New in 2019-20: CADAA applicants now eligible!

**NEW!**

Any student who does not meet Entitlement requirements

### *Effective 2019/20:*

- *SB 77 increases the number of Competitive awards from 25,750 to 41,000 annually*
- *Dream Act Application filers are now eligible to apply for the Competitive cycle*



# High School Entitlement



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# High School Entitlement (E1) Requirements

- Current High school seniors and last year's graduates
- Meet general Cal Grant eligibility requirements
- Apply by March 2nd

## Minimum High School GPA:

- CG A: 3.0
- CG B: 2.0

If no GPA, test scores from SAT, ACT, GED, TASC, & HiSET may be submitted if:

- Pass/Fail system
- Home-schooled



# E1 Preliminary Award Notification

Provides preliminary Cal Grant award information

- Lists Cal Grant maximum award amounts at all segments
- Additional information regarding how to claim the Cal Grant award

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Cal Grant Preliminary Eligibility Notification

Date 11/13/2017  
CSAC ID Number

**Congratulations!**

You have been awarded a preliminary Cal Grant award for the 2018-19 academic year! Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., the Legislature and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) are investing in YOU because of your academic achievements and determination. Based on the information you provided to CSAC on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) as well as your GPA, you have been determined to be preliminarily eligible for a Cal Grant.

Cal Grant award amounts vary by the type of college you choose to attend and enrollment status. These are the current Cal Grant maximum amounts you could receive if you enroll at an eligible California campus in the following segments:

College Segment	Maximum Cal Grant Award Amount
California Community College (CCC):	\$1,672
California State University (CSU):	\$5,742*
University of California (UC):	\$12,630*
Private, Non-Profit or WASC-accredited colleges:	\$9,084*
Non-WASC accredited For-Profit Colleges:	\$4,000*

\*Cal Grant B students may also receive a \$1,672 access award in addition to the amount listed above.

The Cal Grant does not require repayment and is only one part of your financial aid package. After you are admitted, the campus financial aid office will provide a full financial aid award notice. In addition to the Cal Grant, you may also be eligible for one or more of the following:

- Institutional grants or scholarships offered at public and private colleges and universities;
- California College Promise Grant;
- Other types of financial aid offered at your campus of attendance, such as private scholarships and student loans.

This is an initial Cal Grant award notification only. You must still apply for admission to the campus you plan to attend. Your college makes the final eligibility determination for Cal Grant prior to disbursing your award. For questions about final eligibility determination and disbursement dates, reach out to the financial aid office at your chosen campus.

Make California and your families proud by continuing and completing your education.  
Claim your Cal Grant Award by logging onto WebGrants for Students at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)  
See enclosed flyer for more information

Lupita Cortez Alcalá  
Executive Director

PRIVACY STATEMENT: Cal Grant information for students who are 18 years of age or older, or who have attended a postsecondary institution, will only be released to parents or guardians with written authorization from the student.

E1PRN2 (11/17)



# Claiming the E1 Cal Grant Award

## Requirement for High School Entitlement awards

Students log into the WebGrants for Students portal to claim their awards:

- Self-certify high school graduation
- Confirm school of attendance

Colleges can also claim students in WebGrants:

- Report a School Change
- Verify HS graduation with HS diploma/transcripts

2019-20 Student Claiming Functionality opened:

- February 2019





# Transfer Entitlement



Under California Education Code Section 69436, students transferring directly from a California Community College to qualifying baccalaureate-degree granting institution (BDGI), who were not previously awarded a Cal Grant, may receive consideration for a Transfer Entitlement award.

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# Transfer Entitlement (E2) Requirements

In addition to meeting basic eligibility requirements, students must also meet additional Transfer Entitlement eligibility qualifications:

## Option A:

- High School graduate or equivalent



- CA resident at time of HS graduation

## Option B:

- Did not graduate



- CA resident on 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

## **\*\*PLUS\*\***

- Complete a FAFSA/CADAA by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline
- Under age 28 on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the award year
- Transfer from CCC to bachelor degree-granting institution (BDGI) in the year awarded
- Income/assets within ceilings & sufficient financial need
- CCC GPA of 2.4

# E2 Preliminary Award Notification

- Preliminary award notice is sent to student
- Student completes the **G-6** electronically at [webgrants4students.org](http://webgrants4students.org)
- The G-6 is processed:
  - **Eligible Students:** Receive a California Aid Report (CAR)/Cal Grant Award Letter
  - **Ineligible Students:** Processed later for a March Competitive Award

**2019-20 Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant Certification Form**

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) requires the completion of this form to verify your eligibility to receive a Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant award. Read this form carefully, then complete ALL questions, sign, date and mail to the address listed on the back of this form. Failure to return this form will adversely impact your ability to be considered for the Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant. Please see other side for instructions.

**Transfer Entitlement Program Requirements:**  
 You have been given preliminary award consideration because CSAC received your California Community College GPA of at least 2.40. In addition to the GPA, every Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant applicant must also meet the following:

- attended and completed at least 24 semester units at a California Community College and then transfer and attend a qualifying California institution that offers a bachelor's degree for the 2019-20 year; AND
- graduate from a California high school (unless military orders required the student or the student's parent or guardian to be out-of-state at the time of graduation), or complete a high school graduation equivalency exam (including GED, HISET, TASC or the California High School Proficiency Exam) on or after July 1, 2000 and be a California resident at the time; OR
- if you did not graduate high school or obtain the equivalent but were a California resident at age 18.

FAILURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WILL DELAY PROCESSING

1. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ CSAC ID \_\_\_\_\_
2. Print month and year of your high school graduation or the equivalent; or if you **did not** graduate high school and **did not** obtain the equivalent (GED/HISET/TASC/CHSPE) please write "Did Not Graduate" and proceed to question #6: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year
3. **ONLY MARK THIS BOX IF** you were a California resident at the time of high school graduation but graduated from a high school outside of California due to you or your parent or guardian's military orders from the United States Armed Forces. Otherwise, leave this box blank.
4. Print the name of the high school from which you graduated. If you completed high school by passing the GED, HISET, TASC or the CHSPE, please write "GED," "HISET," "TASC," or "CHSPE." \_\_\_\_\_ High School Name or GED/HISET/TASC/CHSPE
5. Please print the city and state of the high school or if you completed high school by passing the GED/HISET/TASC/CHSPE, please enter the city and state of graduation or completion. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State
6. Print the date you became a California resident, or if you applied through the CA Dream Act Application, print the date you started living in California ( If you were born in CA, enter your Date of Birth ) . \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year
7. Print the name of the college you are attending in the **2018-19** academic year. \_\_\_\_\_ 2018-19 College of Attendance
8. Print the name of the college you plan to attend in the **2019-20** academic year. \_\_\_\_\_ 2019-20 College of Attendance

Student Certification: I have read the information printed above. I certify that the information I listed above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

G-6 (12/18) Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# New Transfer Versus Continuing Student

- Schools determine student status:
  - New transfer (eligible)
  - Continuing student (ineligible)
- Students must transfer in the academic year following enrollment at CCC
- Payment Requirement:
  - **New** E2 students must receive at least 1 payment by year end
  - Posting Leave of Absence (LA) for all terms will result in year-end withdrawal
- Summer terms
  - Early admits are eligible



# AB 840 Verification

**AB 840** stipulates that 10% of new & renewal awards are randomly flagged for verification of Transfer Entitlement eligibility. *Complete verification prior to disbursement* after verifying:

- Direct transfer from CCC to BDGI
- CA resident at time of high school graduation or on 18<sup>th</sup> birthday



## AB 840/E2 flags can be viewed on the:

- Display Roster
- E2 Verification Report

**Best Practice:** Collect verification documentation during *initial* award year in the event student is flagged in the future for AB 840 eligibility

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# Eligibility Documentation

## **Direct transfer from CCC to BDGI:**

- CCC Transcripts – prior year enrollment
- BDGI Transcripts – when enrollment began at BDGI
- Enrollment agreements

## **California resident at time of high school graduation or on 18<sup>th</sup> birthday:**

- HS transcripts
- Tax forms
- CA Drivers License or CA Identification Card
- Utility bills or mortgage payments

The G6 Transfer Entitlement form is required by the student. However, this does NOT satisfy verification requirements



New Awards		Renewals	
Regular E2 Eligibility	AB 840 Verification	Regular E2 Eligibility	AB 840 Verification
General CG eligibility	General CG eligibility	General CG Eligibility	General CG Eligibility
X	HS transcripts or graduate from CA HS	X	HS transcripts or graduate from CA HS
CCC transcripts	CCC transcripts	X	X
BDGI transcripts	BDGI transcripts	X	X
X	CA resident at HS graduation or resident @ 18	X	CA resident at HS graduation or resident @ 18

*Keep documentation in student files. The Compliance team checks for this during audit reviews*

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# CCC Bachelor (CCBA) Program

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# CCC Bachelor Programs

Students enrolled in a CA Community College Bachelor Program (CCBA) are also eligible to receive the Transfer Entitlement (E2) awards





# CCC Bachelor Programs

<b>Community Colleges</b>	<b>Bachelor Programs</b>
Antelope Valley College	Airframe Manufacturing Technology
Bakersfield College	Industrial Automation
Cypress College	Mortuary Science
Feather River College	Equine and Ranch Management
Foothill College	Dental Hygiene
MiraCosta College	Biomanufacturing
Modesto Junior College	Respiratory Care
Rio Hondo College	Automotive Technology
San Diego Mesa College	Health Information Management
Santa Ana College	Occupational Studies
Santa Monica College	Interaction Design
Shasta College	Health Information Management
Skyline College	Respiratory Care
Solano Community College	Biomanufacturing
West Los Angeles College	Dental Hygiene



# Test Your Knowledge!



Q

What is the minimum GPA a student can have and still be eligible for the Cal Grant A Transfer Entitlement award?

A

A 2.4 GPA. Even though High School Entitlement for Cal Grant A requires a 3.0 or higher GPA, the Transfer Entitlement for Cal Grant A (or B) only requires a minimum Community College GPA of 2.4

# Transfer Entitlement Brochures are now available!

### Cal Grant A

- For low to middle income students
- 2.40 California Community College GPA minimum
- May be used for an academic program that is 2-4 years in length
- Can only be used for tuition and fees



### Cal Grant B

- For low income students
- 2.40 California Community College GPA minimum
- May be used for an academic program that is at least 1 year in length
- Includes an additional annual Access Award amount (living expenses)
- The student will receive tuition and fees plus Access Award at tuition charging institutions




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### Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Program



Did you know that there is a Cal Grant Award for transfer students?

If you're planning to transfer directly from a California Community College to a Cal Grant eligible university that offers a bachelor's degree, you may be eligible for a Cal Grant Award.

### Cal Grant Award Benefits

- The Transfer Entitlement Award may assist in paying for tuition/fees and books/supplies
- Graduate from college with lower student loan debt as the Cal Grant Award does not require repayment

*"Education is the foundation upon which we build our future."*  
-Christine Gregoire

### THE TRANSFER STUDENT CHECKLIST

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Attend a California Community College the year preceding transfer to a 4-year qualifying institution
- File a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by March 2nd of award year
- Meet financial eligibility and basic eligibility
- Be under the age of 28 (by Dec. 31st of academic year)
- Have a verified minimum GPA of 2.40 electronically reported by a California Community College by March 2nd of award year
- Graduate from a California high school after June 30, 2000; and
- Be a California resident OR meet AB 540 criteria at the time of high school graduation **OR**
- If not a high school graduate, be a California resident on 18th birthday

#### How to Apply

- Complete a FAFSA or CADAA by March 2nd
- Submit a California Community College GPA based on 24 completed units to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2nd
- Once you are preliminarily awarded, you must complete the Transfer Entitlement Certification form at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org)

#### Contact Us

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Customer Assistance & Processing  
1 (888) 224-7268  
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# Competitive Cycle

Competitive applicants are all students who do not meet Entitlement criteria

	Category	Points
<b>MERIT:</b>		
• 2.40 College GPA – CG A	Expected Family Contribution	250
• 2.00 College GPA – CG B	Family Income & Household Size	250
<b>AWARDS:</b>		
• Cal Grant A and B	Grade Point Average	100
• 41,000 awards	Household Status	100
• 20,500 – March 2	Education/Access Equalizer	100
• 20,500 – September 2	Parent Education Level	100
• Scoring matrix used to rank & award students	Family/Environmental Indicators	100





# Competitive Recycle

## Recycle Awards

- Awards for unpaid students are withdrawn
- Offered to the next cohort of eligible students
- Goal = Maximize utilization and increase paid rate

## Tips

- Report timely payments in WebGrants
- Customize roster to identify unpaid students

# Cal Grant A

- HS GPA Minimum: 3.0
- Degree Requirements:
  - Minimum 2 year program
  - Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- Up to 4 years of tuition & fees
  - CCC Reserve for 2 years\*

## 2019-20 Maximum Award:

CCC	CSU	UC	Private NP *	For Profit ^
CCC reserve	\$5,742	\$12,570	\$9,084	\$4,000



\* Students with dependent children may be eligible for up to \$6,000 Access Award at a CA public college/university

\* Private non-profit institutions and WASC accredited for-profit schools  
 ^ Non-WASC accredited for-profit institutions



# Cal Grant A - CCR

## Community College Reserve:

- Income/Asset Ceilings are not considered
- Students will renew for two years

## ***New in 2019-20:***

- Students will have the ability to extend their CCC Reserve for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year via the student portal
- Recipients of the *Cal Grant Award for Students with Dependents* are eligible to receive the **Access** portion of the Cal Grant A; therefore, eligibility will be used beginning with the first Access disbursement



# Cal Grant B

- HS GPA Minimum: 2.0
- Degree Requirements:
  - Minimum 1 year program
  - Certificate, Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- Tuition & fees for years 2-4
- \$1,672 Access Award for up to 4 Years

## 2019-20 Maximum Award:

Award	CCC	CSU	UC	Private *	For-Profit ^
T/F	N/A	\$5,742	\$12,570	\$9,084	\$4,000
Access	\$1,672	\$1,672	\$1,672	\$1,672	\$1,672



Students with dependent children may be eligible for up to \$6,000 Access Award at a CA public college/university

\* Private non-profit institutions and WASC accredited for-profit schools

^ Non-WASC accredited for-profit institutions





# Cal Grant B for Foster Youth



**NEW!**

## **AB 1809 extends:**

Application Window: Students can apply for a High School Entitlement grant if under age 26 by July 1 of the award year

Maximum Eligibility: from 4 years to 8 years of full-time enrollment

Application Deadline: from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> for foster youth attending a CA community college



# Federal Foster Youth Verification

California Student Aid Commission (SAPRD)  
WebGrants System

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Welcome!  
To the **WebGrants** Menu

The last time you logged on to this system was: 05/09/2019 03:43:40 pm  
Number of failed attempts since your last login: 0

Please contact your School's System Administrator if you need access to additional screens.

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CDSS shares FY data with CSAC. Colleges can use this screen to verify foster eligibility ( $\geq 13$  years old) for **federal** & **campus** financial aid purposes



# CG B-FY Identifier

## Roster View:

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	\$7,414	\$3,707				27145	2018			
B-FY	T/F	\$5,742	\$2,871	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="v"/>	RP			PAY		
B-FY	ACSS	\$1,672	\$836	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="v"/>	RP			PAY		

## Student Award Summary:

Student Award Summary										
Academic Year	Program Name	Application Status	Award Status	Award Status Date	Award Amount	Cycle ID	School ID	P/E Reason	C/E Reason	CC Reserve
2018-2019	B-FY	F-E CMPL	FIN ELIG	08/02/2018	\$7,414	C2	00115500	201		N
2017-2018	B-FY	F-E CMPL	FIN ELIG	08/18/2017	\$7,414	C2	00115500			
2016-2017	A	F-E CMPL	COMM WTH	11/16/2016	\$0	C2	00115500			N
2016-2017	B-FY	F-E CMPL	AUTO ACC	09/05/2017	\$7,142	C2	00115500			N

AWARDED STUDENT IN THE FOSTER YOUTH CAL GRANT B PROGRAM.



# Phase I: Eligibility Increased

- 2019-20 renewal students who had exhausted eligibility were automatically renewed with 400% additional eligibility

## Student History

- Academic year selection will display all payments prior to and including the year selected.
- Data can be sorted by Academic Year, Term or Date.
- Click on the blue column headings to change the sort order of the data.

Search =   Acad Year =  Txn Type =

SSN:  
 CSAC ID:  
 Grant ID:  
 Remaining LOA Balance: 200

Cycle ID: C2  
 Program Code: B  
 TCP/5yr:  
 Remaining LH Balance: 50

TANF Eligible: Y  
**Remaining Eligibility: 500**  
Award Status: 25





Formerly the Full Time Student Success Grant  
and the California Community College Completion Grant

# The Student Success Completion Grant

up to  
**\$4,000**/year  
in financial aid



A maximum of **\$1,298 annually** for  
12 through 14 units per term at a  
California Community College

A maximum of **\$4,000 annually** for 15  
units or more per term when enrolled  
at a California Community College



- ❖ Attend a California Community College - Receive a Cal Grant B or C award
- ❖ Maintain a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA - Have sufficient unmet financial need
- ❖ Maintain federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards while enrolled
- ❖ Be exempt from nonresident tuition - Maintain full time attendance



Formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver

# California College Promise Grant



The California College Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors or BOG Fee Waiver) is available to students who are California residents attending California community colleges. Per-unit enrollment fees (currently \$46 per unit) are waived for eligible students

## There are three types of CA College Promise Grant fee waivers:

- **CCPG A**-- For students and/or a student's parent who are currently receiving some form of public assistance (AFDC, TANF, CalWORKs, SSI, and General Assistance).
- **CCPG B** -- Based upon current household size and total **2017** income for the student and/or student's parent(s). Income standards are provided by the state Chancellor's Office. A CCPG B may be awarded based upon the income and household size information provided on the FAFSA or California Dream Act application.
- **CCPG C** -- Must demonstrate at least **\$1,104.00** worth of financial need in order to qualify.



# Cal Grant B – Top 2 %

- Allows limited high school entitlement students to receive T/F in their 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Students are scored using a disadvantage scoring criteria
- Adjusted award amounts will reflect on the roster
- All other high school entitlement recipients will receive only the access portion in the 1<sup>st</sup> year



# Cal Grant C



## Program Requirements

- Vocational/technical/occupational programs
- At least 4 months in length
- No GPA requirement
- Eligible programs listed on USDE E-CAR report
- Special consideration for *priority* occupations & long-term dislocated workers



## 2019-20 Maximum Award:

Award	CCC	Independent/ Vocational
B/S	\$1,094	\$547
T/F	N/A	\$2,462

Students with dependent children may be eligible for up to \$4,000 Access Award at a CA public college/university


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# Cal Grant C Supplemental Form

- Student deemed financially eligible
- Student completes the C Supplement Form electronically at [webgrants4students.org](http://webgrants4students.org)
- This form is processed:
  - Occupational goal
  - Educational plan
  - Work history
  - Education history
  - Unemployed for 6 months+

**Cal Grant C Supplement Form**  
For 2018-19 Cal Grant C Awards



**TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT - Please print clearly using black or blue ink only.**

Check this box if you will not be enrolled in an eligible program this academic year, and complete #1-5 and #11.

Please provide your CSAC ID

- Your name – last, first, middle initial, as it is listed on your Social Security card (if you have one) and FAFSA or CA Dream Act application:  
 Your Last Name  Your First Name   M.I.
- Your date of birth:    3. Telephone number:    
Month Day Year Area Code Phone Number
- Your permanent mailing address:  
  
Number and Street  
    
City State Zip Code
- Your e-mail address, if available:
- SOC Code Number (see Page 2)   
 a. If SOC Code is not listed, enter "00-0000" above, and please write in the current occupational goal in which you will seek employment  
 after completing your study program: \_\_\_\_\_
- Educational Plans and School of Attendance  
 a. Occupational/Technical Program Length (total months)  less than 4 months  4-24 months  25+ months  
 b. Name of school you will attend in Fall 2018 \_\_\_\_\_
- Work History: Fill in the bubble that lists the number of months that you have worked in a paid, unpaid or voluntary position in any field:  
 0-5  6-10  11-15  16-20  21-25  26-30  31-39  40 or more
- Educational History - Fill in the bubble that lists the total number of Occupational/Technical courses you have completed for academic credit. Include courses taken in high school, Regional Occupational Program (ROP), work experience, college courses and courses taken in the military.  
 0  1  2  3  4  5 or more.
- At the time you submitted your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application, were you continuously unemployed for 6 months or more? *This information will be verified with the California Employment Development Department.*  
 Yes  No
- STUDENT CERTIFICATION:** I have read the instructions and information accompanying this form. I understand that this Cal Grant C Supplement form is used to determine Cal Grant eligibility. The information I have completed is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I understand that without a valid Social Security number or CA Dream Act ID number and signature, this form will not be considered.  
*I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.*  
 Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant C Supplement Section, P.O. Box 419028, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9028  
 OR by email to: [Studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:Studentsupport@csac.ca.gov)



# Cal Grant C

## Priority Occupations:



- Two of the following must be met:
  - High employer need or demand
  - High employment growth or industry cluster
  - High employment salary and wage projections
  - Economic security
- Special consideration for long-term unemployed (6+ months)

*List of approved priority occupations are available on the Commissions website*

# Priority Occupational List

Priority Occupational Goals	
Reported Occupation	Point Value
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators	25
Web Developers	25
Computer User Support Specialists	25
Computer Network Support Specialists	25
Architectural and Civil Drafters	25
Civil Engineering Technicians	25
Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technicians	25
Paralegal and Legal Assistant	25
Respiratory Therapists	25
Registered Nurses	25
Dental Hygienists	25





# California Aid Report

- Student official award notification
- Given in the initial academic year the Cal Grant is awarded
- Provided after:
  - High school entitlement: Student confirm the school of attendance
  - Transfer entitlement: Student submits the Transfer Entitlement Certification Form
  - Competitive: Awards are processed
  - Cal Grant C: Student is scored with responses from C Supplement Form



# Which Cal Grant is the best?

## All Cal Grants are beneficial!

The financial aid application is a **one stop shop** for most financial aid, including federal, state and institutional aid

Completing the FAFSA or the CADAA means the student has applied for **A**, **B** and **C**

Most beneficial award is auto-accepted based on school segment





# Cal Grant A *or* Cal Grant B

- If a student is eligible for both A and B, the Commission will award the most beneficial grant, based on the school of attendance
- Students may only change their Cal Grant type *prior to their first payment* by completing the **G-10** form, which requires a signature from a school financial aid advisor
- Once a payment is reported, the student is locked into that award



# Cal Grant B *or* Cal Grant C

- Students in a certificate or associates degree program (including vocational programs) may be eligible for the Cal Grant B
- Cal Grant C awardees who are not in a vocational program and request to have their applications reprocessed for Cal Grant B consideration may be ineligible, based on cycle processing



# Fifth Year Benefits

- Schools should report their programs on the College Cost Estimate
- Student must be enrolled in an approved mandatory five-year undergraduate program
- Student must already be a Cal Grant recipient and must have financial need
- Must submit a request for *fifth year benefits form (G-42)*

Cal Grant Eligible Five-Year Programs	
<p><u>Private Institution</u></p> <p><b>Academy of Art University:</b> Architecture</p> <p><b>Biola University:</b> Music, Nursing</p> <p><b>California College of the Arts:</b> Architecture</p> <p><b>California Institute of Technology (*3/2 Program with Occidental College):</b> Engineering</p> <p><b>Claremont McKenna College (*3/2 Program with Harvey Mudd College):</b> Management Engineering</p> <p><b>DeVry University:</b> Electronics Engineering Technology, Biomedical Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology</p> <p><b>Harvey Mudd College (*3/2 Program with Claremont McKenna College):</b> Management Engineering</p> <p><b>Humphreys University:</b> Accounting</p> <p><b>La Sierra University:</b> Music Education</p> <p><b>Loma Linda University:</b> Dental Hygiene, Dietetics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy</p> <p><b>New School of Architecture and Design:</b> Architecture</p> <p><b>Occidental College (*3/2 Program with California Institute of Technology):</b> Engineering</p> <p><b>Shasta Bible College:</b> Bible and Theology Studies</p> <p><b>Simpson University:</b> Professional Accounting Degree</p> <p><b>So Cal Institute of Architecture:</b> Architecture</p> <p><b>University of the Pacific:</b> Accounting, Engineering, Pharmacy</p> <p><b>University of San Diego:</b> Electrical Engineering, General Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering</p>	<p><b>University of Southern California:</b> Architecture</p> <p><b>Woodbury University:</b> Architecture</p> <p><u>California State University</u></p> <p><b>California Polytechnic State University, Pomona:</b> Architecture</p> <p><b>California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo:</b> Architecture, Landscape Architecture</p> <p><u>University of California</u></p> <p><b>University of California, San Diego:</b> Bio-Informatics, Bio-Science, Computer Science, Engineering</p> <p><b>University of California, Berkeley (*3/2 Program with UC, Santa Cruz):</b> Engineering</p> <p><b>University of California, Santa Cruz (*3/2 Program with UC, Berkeley):</b> Engineering</p>
<p>* 3/2 Programs – Student must attend the school in parenthesis the first three years and the last two years at the main school.</p>	



# Teaching Credential Program

Extends Cal Grant A/B benefits for 1 additional year for students who are seeking an initial teaching credential. Cannot be used for other graduate level courses of study.

## Students must:

- Be enrolled in a teaching credential program and have received at least 1 payment
- Hold a bachelor's degree, or have completed all requirements for a BA/BS
- Be enrolled in an institution approved by the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing with 15 months of the end of the term in which a Cal Grant payment was received
- Submit FAFSA/CADAA **and** *Teaching Credential Program Benefits (G-44) Form* as soon as possible after completing bachelor and being accepted into TCP program



# Test Your Knowledge!



Q

A student is in their first year at UC Davis and has received a Cal Grant A payment, but when she first applied for financial aid she was eligible for Cal Grant A and B. Is this student able to switch her Cal Grant A to a Cal Grant B?

A

NO; once a student receives a Cal Grant A payment they cannot switch to a Cal Grant B, even if they were eligible for both when they first applied.



# Renewal Students

- Have at least 10% remaining eligibility
- Have all terms satisfied with a renewable transaction
- Have a current FAFSA/CADAA on file
  - Filed before year-end reconciliation
- Meet financial requirements

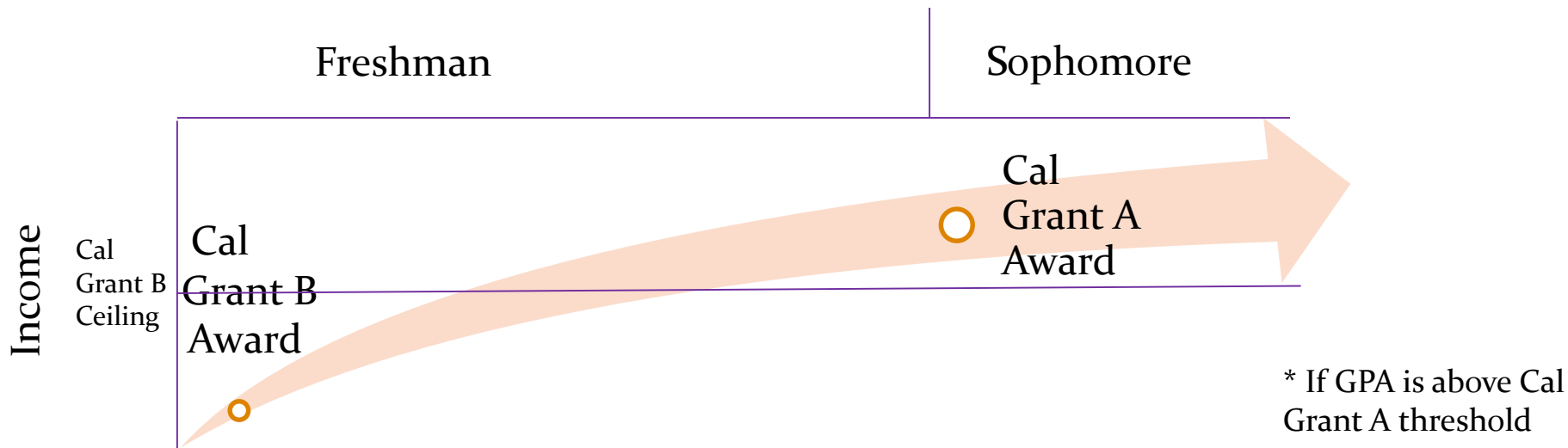
***Renewal students are not held to the  
March 2 and September 2 deadlines***



# Renewal B to A Switch

Students who are eligible for both Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B in the initial award year but exceed the lower income/assets ceiling of the Cal Grant B in renewal year:

- Automatically switched to Cal Grant A, providing they are still income-qualified



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# Renewal Exception

Any recipient who was ineligible for a renewal award during the prior year due to:

- exceeded the income or asset ceilings
- did not demonstrate financial need

Will be eligible to receive a renewal award\* if:

- all eligibility requirements for renewal are met
- has remaining program award eligibility

*\*The program eligibility will be reduced by one full-time equivalent academic year.*



# Renewal Exception Example

## Year 1

- Student awarded Cal Grant A with 400% eligibility
  - Student paid full time for all terms (100% eligibility used)
  - Remaining eligibility at year-end: 300%

## Year 2

- Student ineligible for renewal
  - Income over ceiling for Cal Grant A
  - If income-eligible in year 3, 100% eligibility reduction will be accounted for in renewal year

## Year 3

- Student eligible for renewal
  - Meets financial requirements for Cal Grant A
  - 100% eligibility reduction from year 2 applied
  - Renewed with reduced remaining eligibility: Now 200%

# Renewal Exception Example

- 2016-17: Original award. "Auto-accepted" for CG A

## Year 1:

- 2017-18 Renewed "Financially Eligible"

## Year 2:

- 2018-19: Ineligible for renewal per income over ceiling

## Year 3:

- 2019-20 Student regains financial eligibility. Automatic renewal exception granted

Academic Year	Program Name	Application Status	Award Status	Award Status Date	Award Amount	Cycle ID	School ID	P/E Reason	C/E Reason	CC Reserve
2019-2020	A	F-E CMPL	FIN ELIG	05/23/2019	\$9,084	E1	02358000			N
2018-2019	A	F-E CMPL	FIN INEL	07/21/2018	\$9,084	E1	02358000	16		N
2017-2018	A	F-E CMPL	FIN ELIG	07/24/2017	\$9,084					N
2016-2017	A	F-E CMPL	AUTO ACC	03/04/2016	\$9,084	E1	02358000			N

REPORTED INCOME OVER THE CEILING.

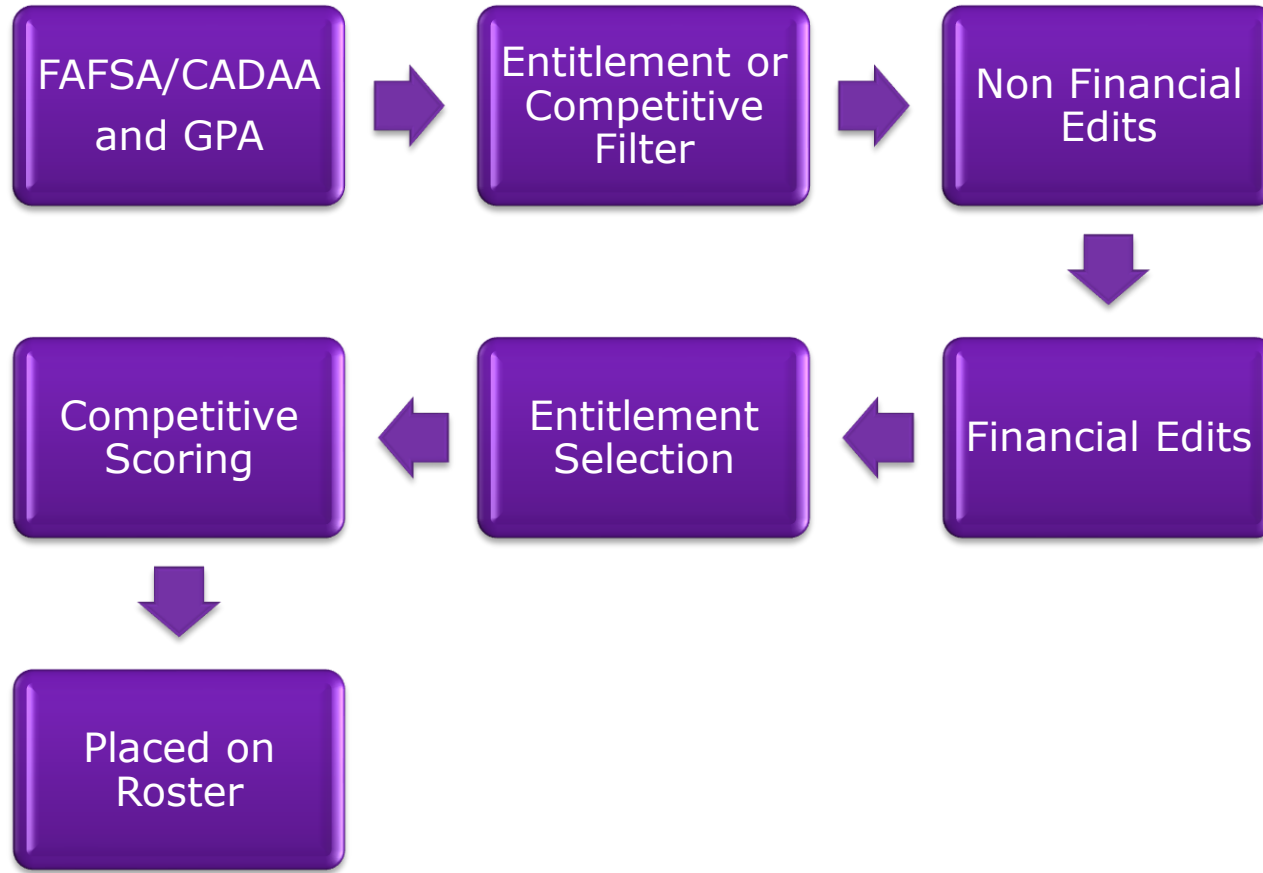


# Award Sequence

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# Awarding Process



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# Processing ISIRs

ISIRs are received by CSAC if:

- California is listed as the state of residence or
- There is at least one California school listed

## Award Consideration

- Entitlement: draw down and processed weekly
- Competitive: the most recent transaction on or before the application deadline

Once a student is awarded, subsequent ISIRs are not reviewed for award consideration

*Only ISIRs with an EFC will be processed*



# Corrections to Award or Withdraw Students

Corrections to a student's record may be submitted via a Grant Record Change Form (**G-21**)

When submitting financial changes which result in making a student ineligible, reverse payments prior to submitting the G-21

## **Entitlement applicants**

- Appeals to award will be received through June 30 of the award year
- Perform financial corrections for ineligible students on ISIR, CSAC will reprocess student with the new transaction

## **Competitive applicants**

- Perform corrections, including financial changes and education level, on student's ISIR *prior* to application processing
- No corrections after award selection - period!



# Corrections to Award or Withdraw Students

Submit Grant Record Change Form (**G-21**):

- Income and asset verification
- Financial need changes
- Expected Family Contribution
- High school graduation date not in Entitlement range
- Housing status
- Education level for initial award year
- California residency
- Application “on hold”



# Grant Record Changes (G-21)

- Changes/updates to student records:
  - Financial need
  - EFC
  - Housing
  - EL (initial award year)
  - CA residency
  
- G-21's are reviewed by Commission staff before approval

Search =   Acad Year = 2018-2019

Pending CSAC Approval

**New Student**

**Date of Birth:**  
**Grant ID:**

**SSN:**  
**CSAC ID:**

**Educational Level (EL) Verification:**  
The above student's initial grant payment was or is to be made at this institution.  
At the time of this grant payment the student's EL was  (1-Freshman) verify without change

**Dependency Status Override:** My institution has determined that the student should be considered independent for purposes of establishing federal and campus financial aid eligibility not otherwise qualifying as an independent student. (Appropriate financial information must be provided below).

**Dependency Status:**

Dependent  
 Independent with dependents other than a spouse  
 Independent without dependents other than a spouse

**Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) Formula Calculation:**

Automatic Zero  EFC Simplified  Regular

<b>Number of Family Members:</b>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	(5)	
<b>EFC:</b>	<input type="text" value="3664"/>	(375)	
<b>Unmet Need:</b>	<input type="text" value="25498"/>	(28939)	

<b>Parents:</b>	<input type="text"/>		<b>Student (and Spouse):</b>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Marital Status:</b>	<input type="text" value="(Divorced or Separated)"/>		<input type="text" value="(Single)"/>		
<b>Total Income:</b>	<input type="text" value="(49063)"/>		<input type="text" value="(0)"/>		
<b>Adjusted Net Worth (assets):</b>	<input type="text" value="(0)"/>		<input type="text" value="(0)"/>		

**Registered Domestic Partnership:**

Parent  Student

**Reason:**

PER FAFSA ISIR #04 PARENT INCOME EXCEEDS CEILING FOR CAL B- PLEASE RECONSIDER FOR CALA.



# G-21 **NOT** for...

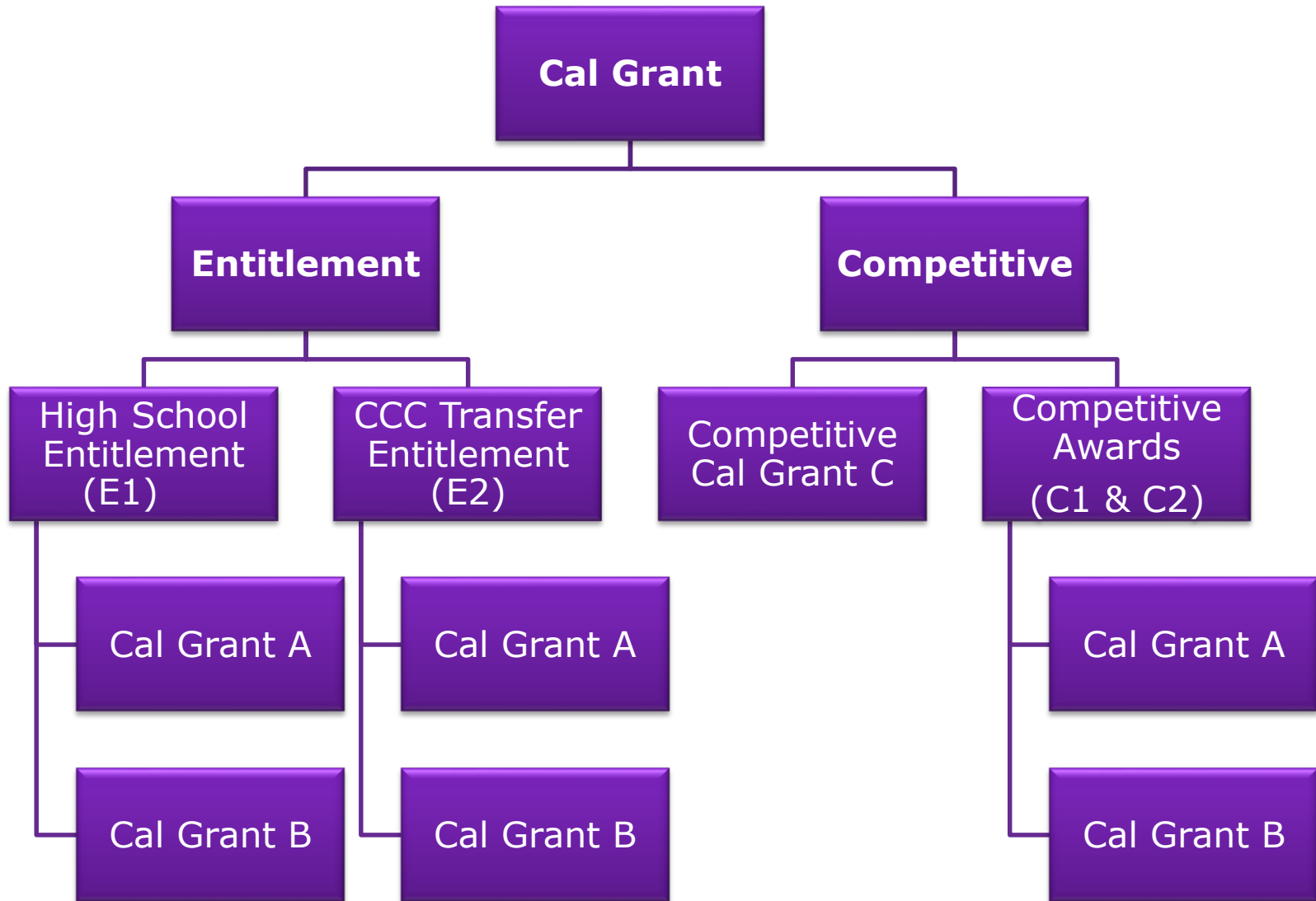
- Withdrawing a graduated student
  - **Use the SR adjustment code on online roster**
- Requesting withdrawal after reporting IG in error
  - **Request reinstatement**
  - **Submit G-21 with corrected income or financial data to withdraw student**
- Student not eligible for Transfer Entitlement
  - **Report "IT" on roster**
- Profession Judgement on a Competitive awardee
  - **Make correction to student's application before C1/C2 award cycle**
- Verifying Education Level
  - **Verify on roster**
- Withdrawing ineligible student after payment or adjustment was already posted
  - **Back out all transactions before submitting G-21**



# Let's Review

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# Cal Grant Programs





# Questions?

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