



CALGRANT

Making college financially accessible

A Cal Grant is FREE money for college you don't have to pay back. To qualify, you must apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the deadline and meet the eligibility and financial requirements as well as any minimum GPA requirements.

Cal Grants can be used at any University of California, California State University or California Community College, as well as qualifying independent and career colleges or technical schools in California.

There are three kinds of Cal Grants — A, B and C — but you don't have to figure out which one to apply for. Your eligibility will be based on your FAFSA or CADAA responses, your verified Cal Grant GPA, the type of California colleges you list on your FAFSA and whether you're a recent high school graduate.

CAL GRANT A

Deadline: March 2

3.0 high school GPA required

- \$12,570 at University of California (UC)*
- \$5,742 at California State University (CSU)*
- \$9,084 at qualifying private California colleges*
- \$4,000 at qualifying for-profit institutions*
- If you attend a California Community College, your grant is held in reserve until you transfer.

CAL GRANT B

Deadline: March 2

2.0 high school GPA required

- \$1,672* living allowance for your first year, plus tuition and fees (see Cal Grant A) beyond your first year.

*Go to www.csac.ca.gov for current award amounts

CAL GRANT C

No deadline

- \$547 for books, tools, and equipment for technical or career education programs*
- \$2,462 for tuition (if not attending a California Community College)*

CAL GRANT TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT

Deadline: March 2

2.4 community college GPA required

- Transfer from a California Community College to a four-year university
- Must be under the age of 28
- Same as Cal Grant A or Cal Grant B

Cal Grant Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen or AB540 eligible
- Be a California resident or AB540 eligible
- Attend a qualifying California college or university
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have met U.S. Selective Service requirements
- Be enrolled at least half-time in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate
- Not have a bachelor's or professional degree
- Not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant
- Not be in default on any student loan
- Not incarcerated



Cal Grant FAQ

For more information visit the California Student Aid Commission at

CSAC.ca.gov