

California Student Aid Commission

Cal Grant Overview (for Beginners)

*2018 CASFAA Conference
Palm Desert, CA*



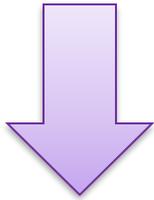


AGENDA

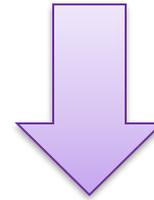
- Financial Aid Applications
- GPA Requirements
- Eligibility Requirements
- Dream Act Eligibility
- Cal Grant Cycles and Types
- Payments
- Resources and Q&A

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Refugee or Asylee
- T Visa holders
- Undocumented students
- Students with DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa holders



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dream.csac.ca.gov



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APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 2

- FAFSA/CADAA filers
- Entitlement and Competitive
- Cal A, B and C

Sept. 2

- FAFSA filers have priority
- Only CA Community Colleges
- Competitive
- Cal A and B

CAL GRANT CONSIDERATION



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GPA REQUIREMENTS





GPA TYPES – HIGH SCHOOL

High School GPA

- Calculated using Sophomore – Senior year grades

Test Scores

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 TYPES – COLLEGES

Reestablished GPA

- CA Community College only
- Students who have 16 - 23 semester units or the equivalent
- Competitive Cal Grant B only

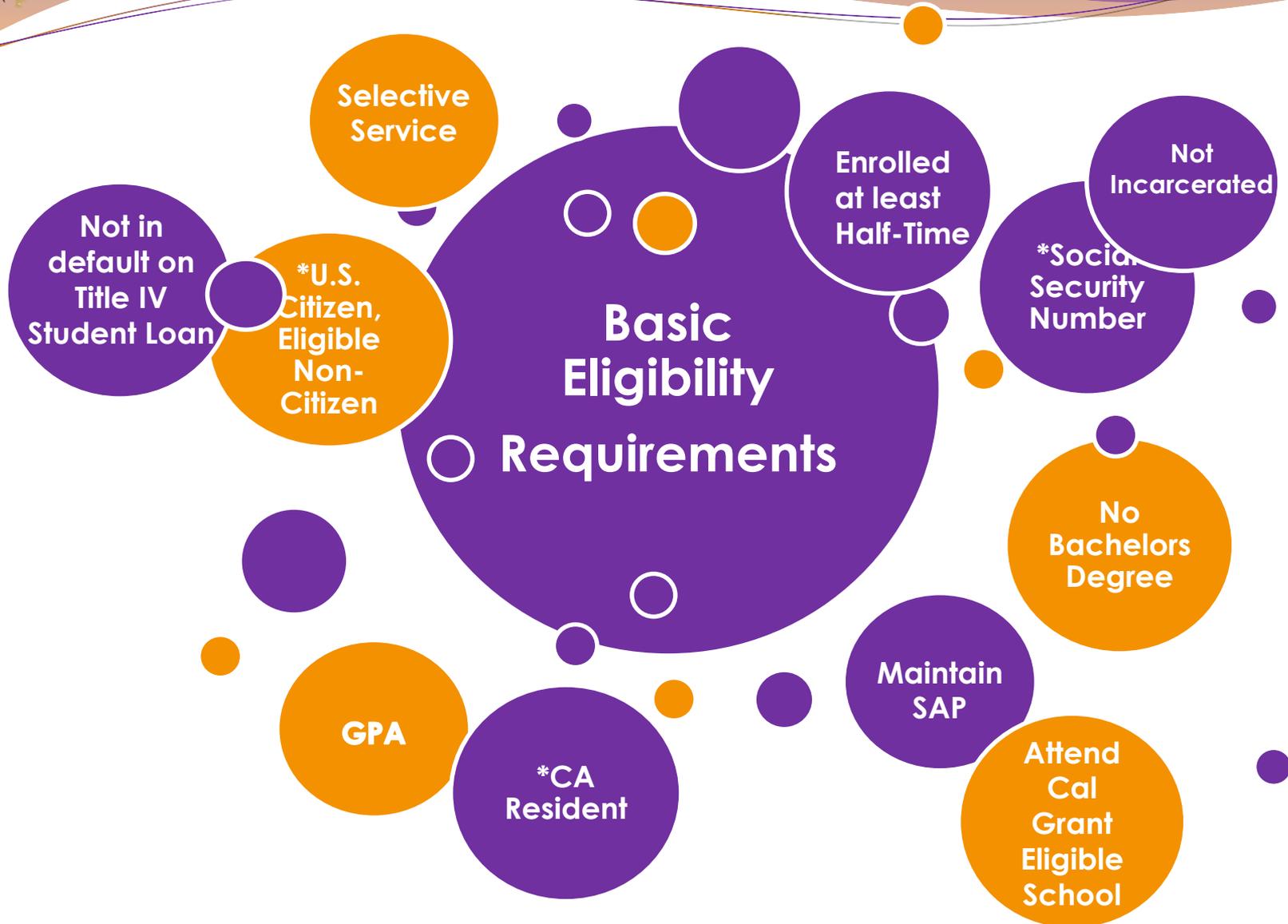
Regular College GPA

- All colleges
- Students who have 24+ semester units or the equivalent
- Transfer Entitlement and Competitive Cal Grant

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



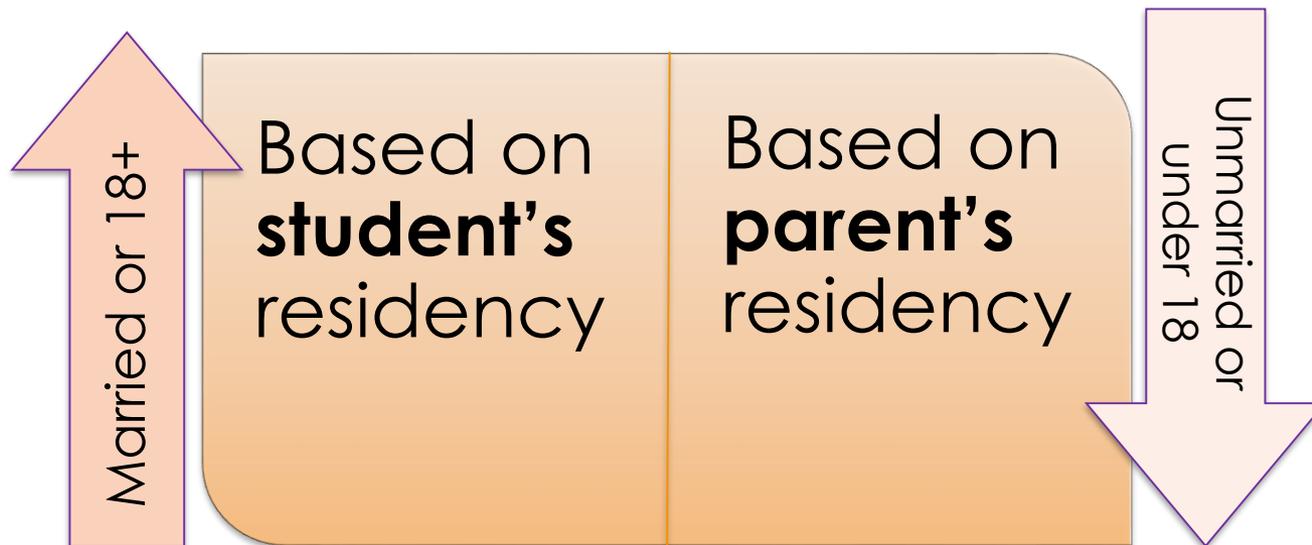


**Requirements are supplanted by other eligibility criteria for non resident exemption requirements*



CA RESIDENCY

- Based on FAFSA/CADAA answers
- Institutions make final residency determination
- Student's **age** and **marital status** determines whose residency we use (student vs. parent)



SELECTIVE SERVICE

- Males between 18-25 must register (**regardless of immigration status**)
- Do **not** need an SSN to register
- FAFSA filers - can self register via FAFSA
- CADAA filers - “paper” registration form
- CSAC will send reminder emails throughout the year to male CADAA applicants



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM

Register online (www.sss.gov)
or complete this form

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Leave Blank

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

1 DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY)
 - -

2 SEX: (Mark with "X")
 Male Female

3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
 - -

FINANCIAL NEED

Financial Need Calculation:

$$\frac{\text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} - \text{Expected Family Contribution}}{\text{Unmet Financial Need}}$$

Cal Grant A Financial Need

At least maximum Cal
Grant A award amount
PLUS \$1,500

Cal Grant B Financial Need

At least \$700

Cal Grant C Financial Need

At least maximum Cal
Grant C award amount
PLUS \$1,500



INCOME AND ASSET CEILINGS

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
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
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$37,600	\$37,600
Married, no other dependents	\$43,000	\$43,000

2019-20 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

Dependent students ¹	\$79,300
Independent students	\$37,700



SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

- Maintain SAP as defined by your school in accordance with federal requirements
- General standards
 - ❑ Maintain 2.0 GPA (cumulative)
 - ❑ Complete a minimum of 67% of attempted units per academic year
 - ❑ Not exceed 150% of the published program length
- Schools must review SAP before disbursing funds

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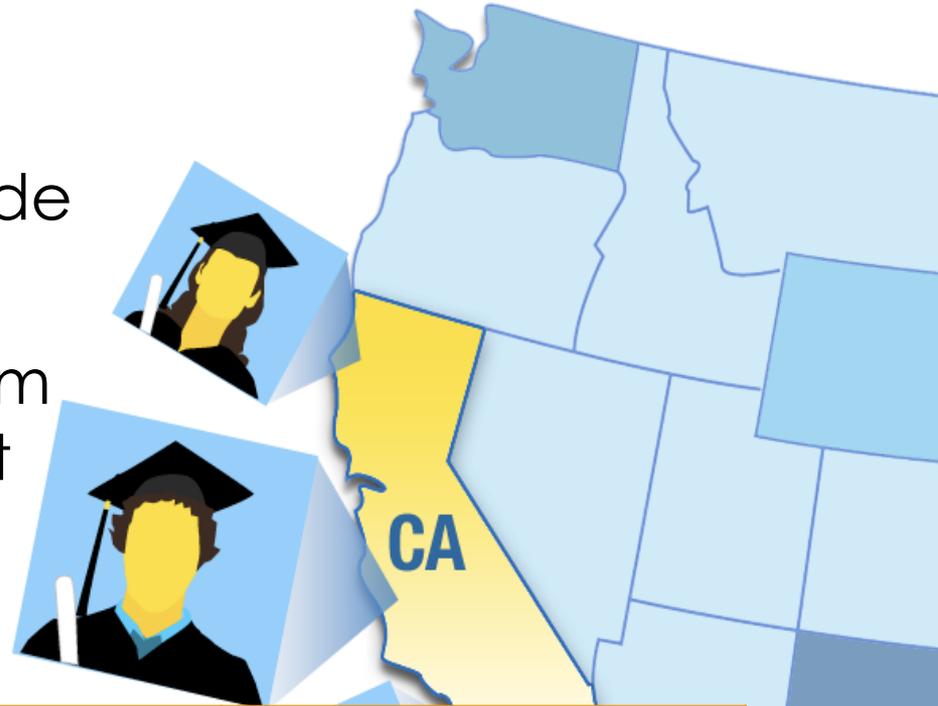
**DREAM ACT
ELIGIBILITY**





CA DREAM ACT – WHAT IS IT?

- ✓ Often referred to as AB 540
- ✓ Comprised of 5 bills and made into law
- ✓ Exempts certain students from paying nonresident tuition at California public colleges



System	CA Residents	Nonresidents
Community Colleges	\$1,104	\$7,608
CSU	\$5,742	\$15,246
UC	\$12,570	\$43,457



NON-RESIDENT EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

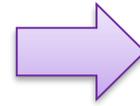
Meet all requirements:

1. TIME AND COURSEWORK

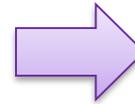
- Attendance for 3+ years (or the equivalent) at any of the following schools in California

OR

- 3+ years of earned High School credits with **a total** of 3+ years of total attendance at any of the following schools in California



- High School
- Adult School
- Community College
 - **Max. 2 yrs of attendance in credit courses can be used**



- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
 - **Min. of 3 years total at any combination of these schools to qualify**



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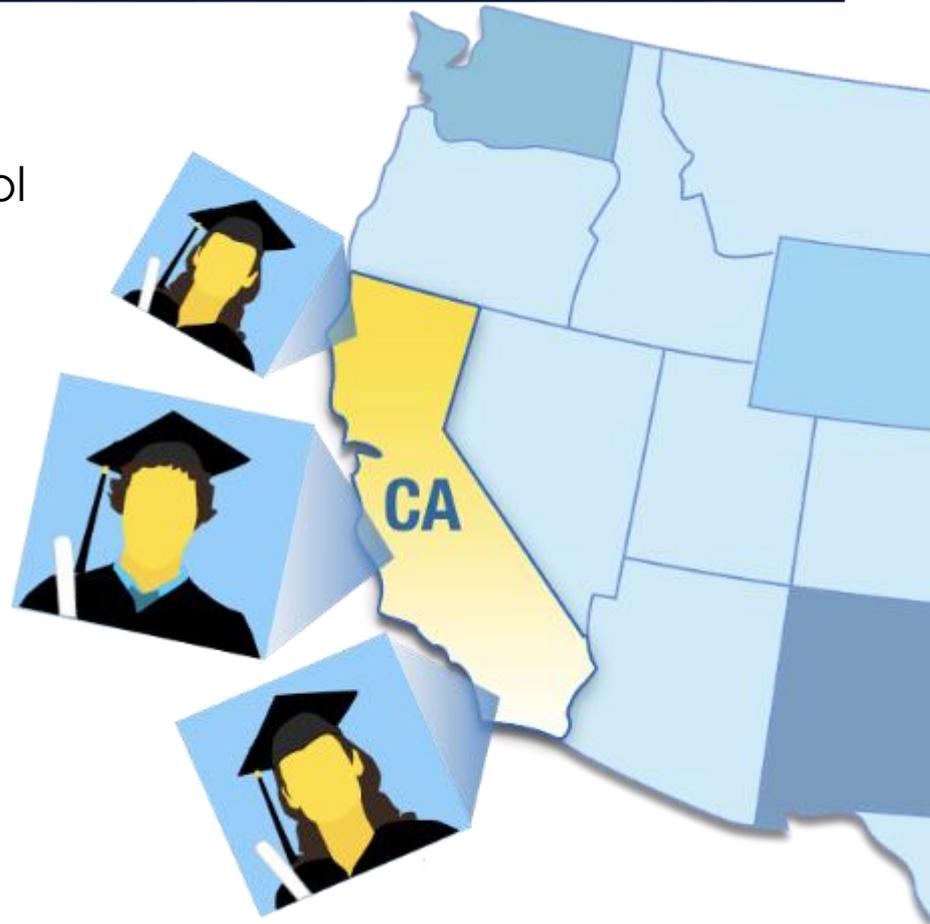
2. Degree or Transfer Requirements

- Graduation from a CA High School (or the equivalent, GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE) **or**
- Earned an associate's degree from a CA Community College **or**
- Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

3. Register or enroll at an accredited institution in CA

4. Non-resident Tuition Exemption Form

- File with the college or university



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CAL GRANT CYCLES AND TYPES





CAL GRANT CYCLES

Cal Grant A & B

Entitlement

- Unlimited awards
- FAFSA & CADAA filers
- Current high school seniors & prior year graduates
- Transfer students

- **3.0 GPA for Cal Grant A**
- **2.0 GPA for Cal Grant B**

Competitive

- Limited awards (25,750)
- FAFSA filer priority
- Scoring criteria
- Students who don't meet Entitlement requirements



HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT

Requirements

- *Current high school seniors (Class of 2019)*
- *Last years' high school graduates (Class of 2018)*

AND

- **MERIT:**
 - ✓ Minimum 2.00 GPA
 - ✓ If no GPA, use test scores:
 - SAT, ACT, GED, TASC, HiSET

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TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT

Requirements

- **CA RESIDENCY**

- Was a CA resident at the time of high school graduation,
OR
- If not a high school graduate, was a CA resident at age 18

- **AGE:** is under the age of 28 by December 31st of the award year

- **TRANSFER:** transfers to a qualifying baccalaureate-degree granting institution (BDGI) from a California Community college (CCC) during the award year

- **MERIT:** 2.40 CA Community College GPA



G-6 FORM

Transfer Entitlement Certification Form

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

 **2018-19 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 within 30 days of receiving this letter. Failure to return this form within 30 days will adversely impact your ability to be considered for the Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant. Please see other side for instructions. **Faxed copies of this form will not be accepted.**

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 2018 - 19 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
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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
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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.

	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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
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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
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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
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7. Print the name of the college you are attending in the 2017-18 academic year.

	2017-18 College of Attendance
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8. Print the name of the college you plan to attend in the 2018-19 academic year.

	2018-19 College of Attendance
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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



COMPETITIVE CYCLE

Requirements

- Any student who **did not** meet Entitlement criteria
- **AND**
- **MERIT:** Minimum 2.00 GPA

AWARDS:

- Cal Grant A and B
- FAFSA filers have priority
- 25,750 awards
 - 12,875 – March 2
 - 12,875 – September 2
- Scoring criteria used to rank and award students



COMPETITIVE SCORING MATRIX

- Intent is to offer awards to the neediest students
- Categories include:
 - ✓ Expected Family Contribution
 - ✓ Family Income & Household Size
 - ✓ Grade Point Average
 - ✓ Household Status
 - ✓ Education/Access Equalizer
 - ✓ Parent Education Level
 - ✓ Family/Environmental Indicators
- Scoring Matrix: www.csac.ca.gov/resource-documents



COMPETITIVE RECYCLE

What is it?

- Unpaid awards are withdrawn
- Offered to next cohort of eligible students
- Ensures that all 25,750 awards are utilized

Tips

- Report payments in WebGrants ASAP
- **Customized Roster** to identify unpaid students
- **“Roster Compare Tool”** to identify newly awarded students



CAL GRANT A

- GPA Minimum: 3.0
- Degree Requirements:
 - Minimum 2 academic years
 - ✓ Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- Award Coverage:
 - ✓ 4 years of tuition & fees at eligible California schools
- Community College Reserve
 - ✓ 2 years minimum



CAL GRANT B

- GPA Minimum: 2.0
- Degree Requirements:
 - ✓ Minimum 1 academic year
 - ✓ Certificate, Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- Award Coverage:
 - ✓ Tuition & fees at eligible California schools for years 2-4
 - ✓ \$1,672 Access Award for 4 Years
 - ✓ Top 2 % Entitlement receives full Tuition & fees in year 1

CAL GRANT C

- 
- GPA Minimum: None
 - Degree Requirements:
 - ✓ At least 4 months in length
 - ✓ Occupational or technical program
 - Award Coverage:
 - ✓ CCC Up to \$1,094 (Books and Supplies)
 - ✓ Eligible private/vocational schools up to \$2,462 in tuition/fees + \$547 for books/supplies

Special consideration for *priority* occupations



CAL GRANT RENEWAL

Award is renewed if...

- Remaining eligibility is at least 10%
- All terms satisfied with a payment transaction
- FAFSA/CADAA on file (before year-end recon)
- Meet financial requirements

Renewal Exception

- Eligibility reduced by 100% for any years where:
 - ✓ Income/asset ceilings are exceeded
 - ✓ Minimum need not met

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PAYMENTS





REPORTING PAYMENTS

1. Directly on the Display Roster
 - ✓ Convenient
 - ✓ Real-time. No waiting!
 - ✓ Commonly used by smaller schools
2. Upload Grant Roster Data File
 - ✓ Upload large number of students at once
 - ✓ Import/export data using Financial Aid Management Systems (FAMS)
 - ✓ File specifications in WebGrants under “Help”



PAYMENT CODES

Code	Description	Resulting Action	Satisfy Renewal
PD	Reporting a full time payment for an eligible student	Eligibility used	Y
SC	Reporting a School Change	Student will be added to your school's roster	N
NA	Reporting students that are NOT in attendance at your school	Student will be moved to the "Not in Attendance" section	N
YA	Reverses the NA; Reporting students that are in attendance at your school	Moving a student from the "Not in Attendance" section to the "Eligible" section of the roster	N
IT*	Reporting transfer entitlement ineligibility; Only visible for BDGI schools	Award is withdrawn immediately	N



ADJUSTMENT REASON CODES

Code	Description	Resulting Action	Satisfy Renewal
FT	Reporting a Full-time payment	Eligibility used	Y
TT	Reporting a Three-Quarter time payment	Eligibility used	Y
HT	Reporting a Half-time payment	Eligibility used	Y
LH	Reporting a Less than Half-time status, ineligible for payment this term	Uses leave eligibility; max 100% lifetime	Y
LA	Reporting a Leave of Absence, student may return	Uses leave eligibility; max 200% lifetime	Y



ADJUSTMENT REASON CODES

Code	Description	Resulting Action	Satisfy Renewal
OF	Recipient is receiving Outside Funding (Full-time)	If amount = \$0, no eligibility used.	Y
OH	Recipient is receiving Outside Funding (Half-time)	If amount = \$0, no eligibility used.	Y
OT	Recipient is receiving Outside Funding (Three-Quarter time)	If amount = \$0, no eligibility used.	Y
FI	Unable to report payment due to incomplete financial aid file	Award is withdrawn following year end reconciliation	N
IG	Ineligible for award due to invalid program length	Award is withdrawn immediately	N



ADJUSTMENT REASON CODES

Code	Description	Resulting Action	Satisfy Renewal
LD	Ineligible for award due to loan default/grant overpayment	Award is withdrawn immediately	N
NP	Not maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)	Award withdrawn after 3 consecutive terms	Y
NS	Used to reverse a reported payment	No eligibility used	N
SR	Reporting last payment for a graduating senior	After payment posts, award is withdrawn immediately	N



PAYMENT, ADJUSTMENT, REDUND POLICY

General Rules:

- Enrollment status is locked in at census (or equivalent)
- Enrollment status @ census determines payment amount
- Institution is required to establish and maintain a written refund policy that includes the Cal Grant Program.
 - In the case of a refund (i.e., if a recipient withdraws, drops out or is expelled for a term for which a payment is made), the policy should specify how the institution calculates the refund and how it determines the portion to be returned to the Commission on behalf of the State.



PAYMENT TIMEFRAMES

Initial Payment Made...	Payment Based On...
Before Census	Current Enrollment Status*
At Census	Enrollment Status at Census
After Census	Enrollment Status at Census
**After Census	Enrollment Status at Time of Disbursement
After Completed Term	Enrollment Status at Time of Completed Term

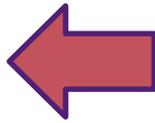
*Adjustment may be needed at census if student enrollment status changed

**Due to extenuating circumstance (i.e. late add to roster, recycled competitive award)



ACCEPT/REJECT REPORT

Failed Transactions



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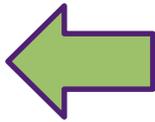
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PAY TYPE ACC: SCHOOL HAS ALREADY REPORTED PAYMENT														
6785:			ROBERT		10/28/2011	C	U	C	0	0	B&S FL	288.00		PD
PAY TYPE B&S: SCHOOL HAS ALREADY REPORTED PAYMENT														
6785:			JOSE	A	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC FL	776.00		PD
PAY TYPE ACC: SCHOOL HAS ALREADY REPORTED PAYMENT														

TOTALS														
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Rejected Section

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		ACEVEDO	WILFARDO	V	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC FL	776.00		PD
		ACEVES	MARTIN	V	10/28/2011	C	U	B	9389	0	ACC FL	388.00		HT
		ACEVES	RICARDO		10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC FL	776.00		PD
		AGUILAR	JEANETTE		10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC FL	776.00		PD
		AGUILERA	ANA	J	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC FL	776.00		PD
		ALBARRANSALINAS	MARIA	G	10/28/2011	C	U	C	0	0	B&S FL	288.00		PD
		ALBRIGHT	MEGAN	R	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC FL	776.00		PD

Accepted Section



MONTHLY PAYMENT ACTIVITY

	YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY					TOTAL
	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER		
CAT/F	304,314.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	304,314.00
CBT/F	22,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,710.00
CBACC	4,180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,180.00
CBTOTAL	26,890.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,890.00
CCT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCB/S	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCTOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GFT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL	331,204.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	331,204.00
GRAND TOTAL						331,204.00
TERM	NUMBER OF PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS RECONCILED			NUMBER OF PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS ACCEPTED BUT NOT YET RECONCILED		
FALL	79			0		
WINTER	0			0		
SPRING	2			0		
SUMMER	0			0		
**** END OF REPORT **** FOR SCHOOL: 00123400 **** YOUR COLLEGE ****						

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RESOURCES



TRAINING AND WEBINARS

- Monthly LIVE Webinars
- Pre-recorded Webinars
- www.csac.ca.gov/trainings-0

For Schools & Counselors

Communications 

High Schools 

Colleges 

California Chafee Grant
Program

Data Reporting (SB 70)

Recorded Webinars

The Commission offers a variety of online training options. Training sessions are approximately one hour in length and cover a variety of topics surrounding Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarship, California Dream Act Application, WebGrants and more.

[Read more](#)

Live Webinar Registration

STAY INFORMED



Get Started Today

<p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Schooled Green360 Mission: Admission College Affordability and Transparency Center Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education National Center for Higher 	<p>California Campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race To Submit Cal Grant Dashboard Register to Vote Amber Alert Covered California Save our Water New Rule for School 	<p>Commission Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cal Grant Eligible Schools Enrollment, Persistence, and Graduation Data Job Placement Fact Sheets and Salary & Wage Information Contact Us Subscribe to CSAC Important Updates 	 <p>Lupita Cortez Alcalá Executive Director</p>  <p>Edmund G. Brown Jr. Office of Governor</p>
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STAY INFORMED



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



GOM 2

June 14, 2018

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler *Catalina G. Mistler*
Deputy Director, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: **California Cash for College Workshop Registration**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission announces open registration for the California Cash for College through the [Workshop Management System \(WMS\)](#) starting through the CCFC workshops provide free hands-on assistance to students to complete the FAFSA, CADAA and Chafee Grant for Foster Care in accordance with the opening of the 2019-20 FAFSA and run from October 1, 2018 through the March 2, 2019 CA



SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



GSA 2018-25

July 11, 2018

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler *Catalina G. Mistler*
Deputy Director, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: **2018-19 California State Budget Update (Revised)**

Governor Jerry Brown signed his 16th and final State Budget on June 27, 2018. This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the following updates related to the 2018-19 State Budget and the Commission's programs:

Maintains:

- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grant Awards at **25,750**. The Commission is authorized to make up to 35,000 Competitive Cal Grant Award offers.
- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at private non-profit institutions at **\$9,084**.



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