

# Cal Grant

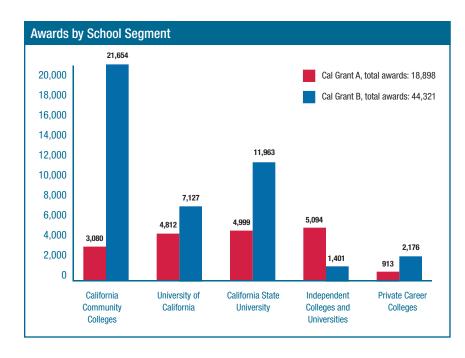
#### **High School Entitlement Program**

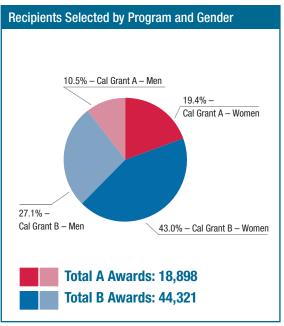
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displays data about
the 2004–05
High School
Entitlement grants
awarded to recipients.
Total High School
Entitlement
recipients: 63,219

**Senate Bill 1644** (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) guaranteed a Cal Grant A or B Entitlement award to every graduating high school senior who had financial need and who is academically eligible. This guarantee moved California closer to making college accessible and affordable for all those who wish to seek a postsecondary education.

Beginning in 2001–02, the Entitlement provisions were in effect for new Cal Grant applicants who graduated from high school starting July 1, 2000. For the 2004–05 March 2<sup>ndl</sup> Entitlement award application deadline, the applicant pool includes recent high school graduates, as well as those who graduated in 2002–03 and did not receive a Cal Grant award.

For the 2004–05 award cycle, the Commission continued to partner with education stakeholders, California's Legislature, Governor's office and the Office of the Secretary for Education to provide a comprehensive outreach and public awareness effort that included statewide student/ parent workshops, school-based financial aid training, direct mailings to students, ethnic media coverage, and a variety of partnerships. As a result, Cal Grant Entitlement awards continue to pave the way for California's diverse students to access a postsecondary education.

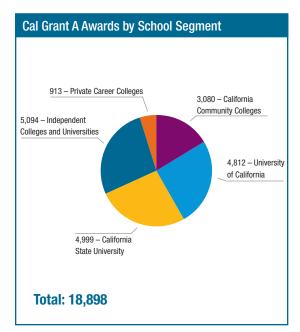


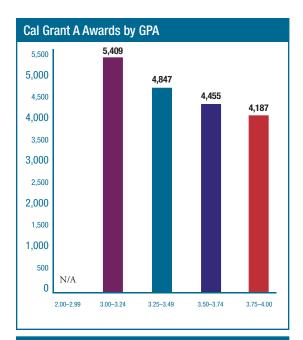


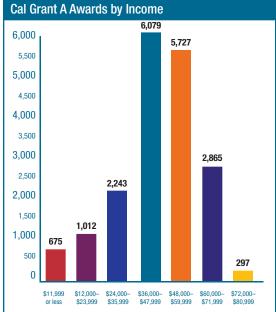
# Cal Grant Entitlement

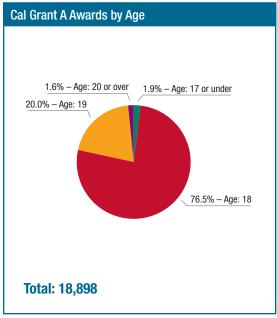
Award requirements include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA), and graduation from high school in 2002–03 or 2003–04. Cal Grant A awards provide for full systemwide fees at the California State University and the University of California, as well as tuition support at private California colleges and universities. Of these Cal Grant A awards, 17,648 were awarded to 2003–04 high school graduates, while 7%, or 1,250, were awarded to those who graduated in 2002–03.

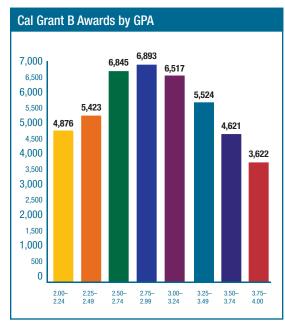
School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$4,207
University of California	\$7,693
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Private Career Colleges	\$3,028

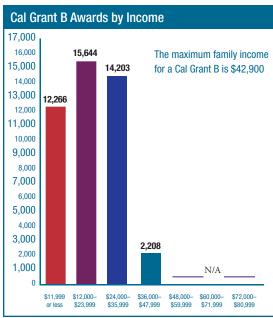


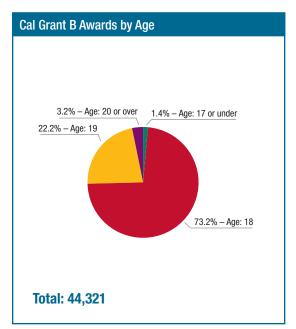








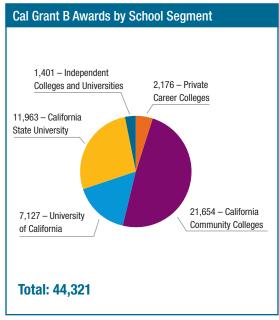




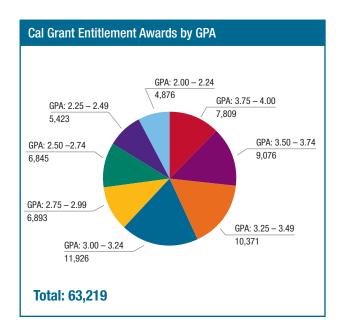
### Cal Grant Entitlement

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 2.0 GPA, and graduation from high school in 2002–03 or 2003–04. Cal Grant B awards provide up to \$1,551 for books and living expenses for first-year students. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, Cal Grant B awards also help pay for tuition and fees at public and private four-year colleges or other qualifying institutions. Of these Cal Grant B awards, 41,459 were awarded to 2003–04 high school graduates, while 6%, or 2,862, were awarded to those who graduated in 2002–03.

Average Parental Assets by Segment		
School Segment	Assets	
California Community Colleges	\$1,141	
University of California	\$3,726	
California State University	\$1,895	
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$2,088	
Private Career Colleges	\$1,374	



#### **About the Recipients**



Typical Recipient				
	Income	GPA	Family Size	
Cal Grant A	\$45,664	3.47	4.2	
Cal Grant B	\$18,993	2.94	4.2	
All (Cal Grant A & B)	\$26,966	3.10	4.2	

### **About the Applicants**

#### Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify.

Submission of both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the GPA Verification Form is the first step for applicants to be considered for an Entitlement award. Of the 133,700 students who were successful in completing this first step, 33,490 did not qualify for various reasons. Examples of these reasons include: not listing a qualifying California school on the FAFSA, neglecting to indicate they were a California resident at the time of high school graduation, and, mistakenly indicating they had already graduated with a bachelor's degree. These applicants are given the opportunity to correct their application and receive an Entitlement award. The remaining 100,210 applicants were matched against the program's financial criteria, with 63,219 meeting the ceilings.



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The California Student Aid Commission is the state's principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission's primary programmatic responsibilities include administration of the Cal Grant program and several targeted state scholarship and loan forgiveness programs. The 15-member Commission also oversees the activities of its non-profit student loan services auxiliary, EDFUND.