



# Cal Grant

## Entitlement Program

*This document displays data about the 2003–04 Entitlement grants awarded to recipients. Total Entitlement recipients: 60,359*

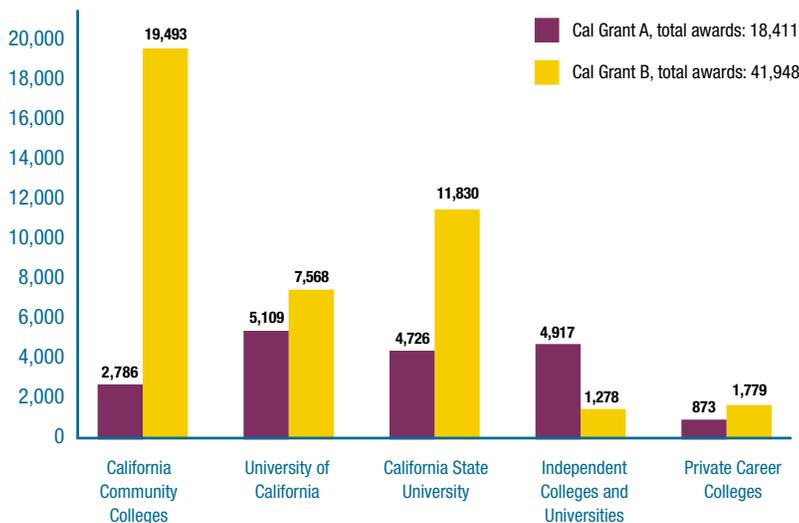
**Senate Bill 1644** (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) guaranteed a Cal Grant A or B Entitlement award to every graduating high school senior who had financial need and who is academically eligible. This guarantee moved California closer to making college accessible and affordable for all those who wish 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 2003–04 March 2<sup>nd</sup> Entitlement award application deadline, the applicant pool includes recent high school

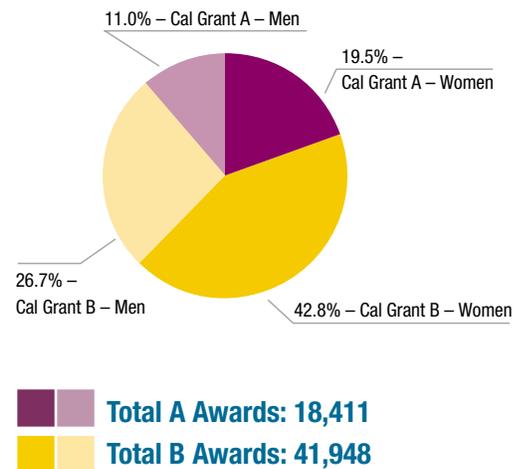
graduates, as well as those who graduated in 2001–02 and did not receive a Cal Grant award.

For the 2003–04 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.

**Awards by School Segment**

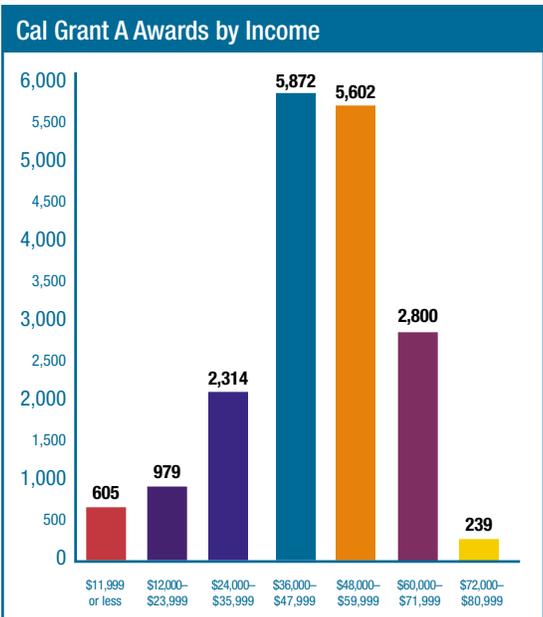
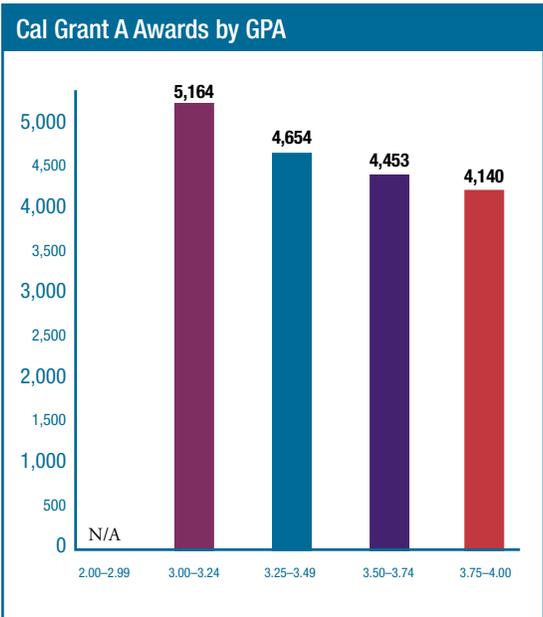


**Recipients Selected by Program and Gender**



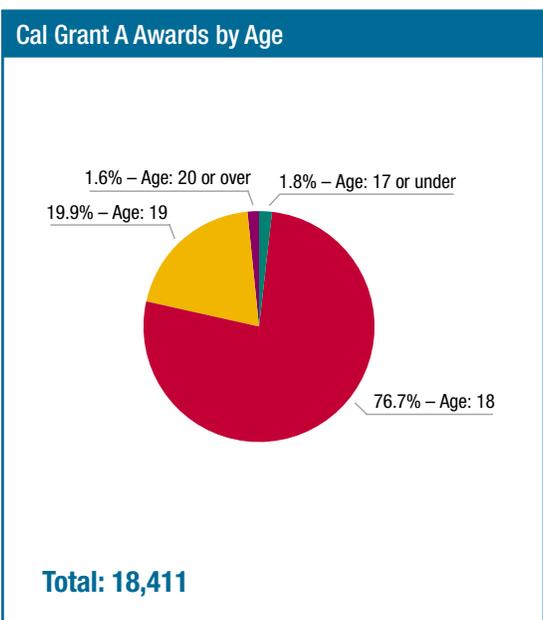
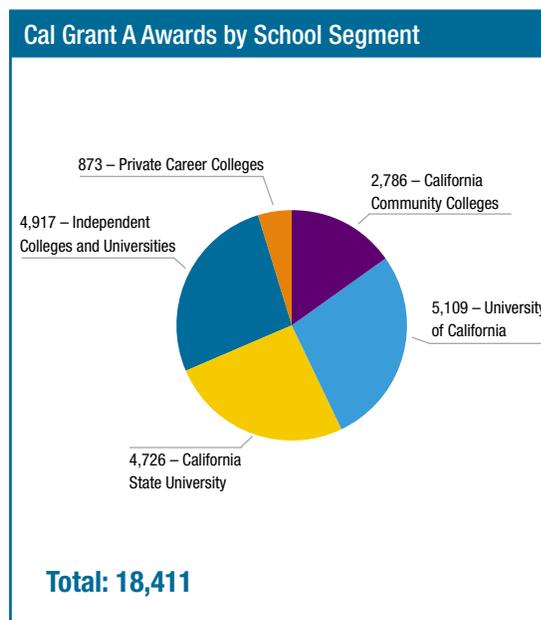
# Cal Grant Entitlement **A**

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA), and graduation from high school in 2001–02 or 2002–03. 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, 17,385 were awarded to 2002–03 high school graduates, while 6%, or 1,026, were awarded to those who graduated in 2001–02.

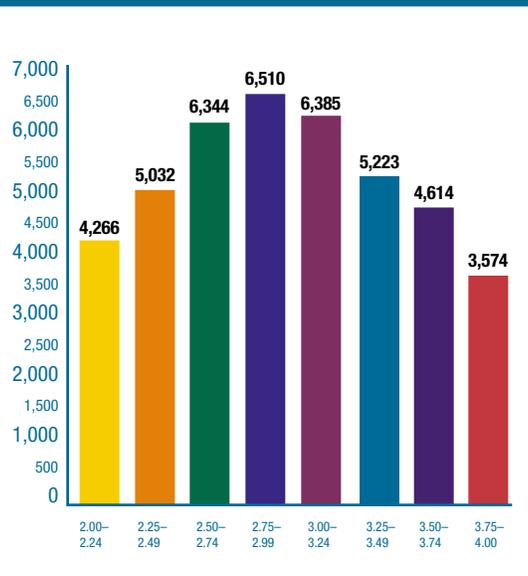


### Average Parental Assets by Segment

School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$4,505
University of California	\$7,214
California State University	\$5,055
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$5,601
Private Career Colleges	\$2,989



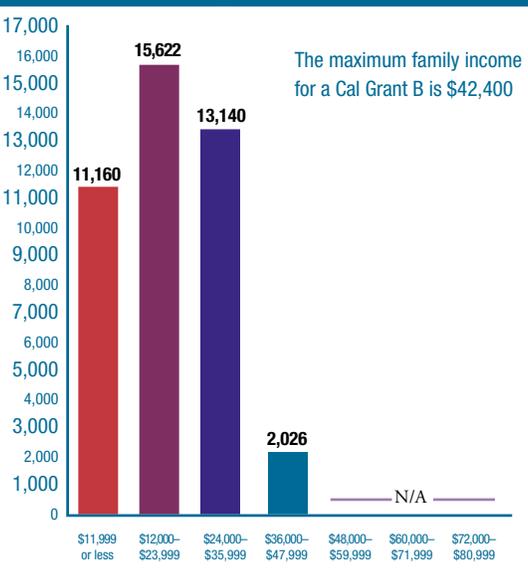
Cal Grant B Awards by GPA



# Cal Grant Entitlement B

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 2.0 GPA, and graduation from high school in 2001-02 or 2002-03. 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, 39,705 were awarded to 2002-03 high school graduates, while 5%, or 2,243, were awarded to those who graduated in 2001-02.

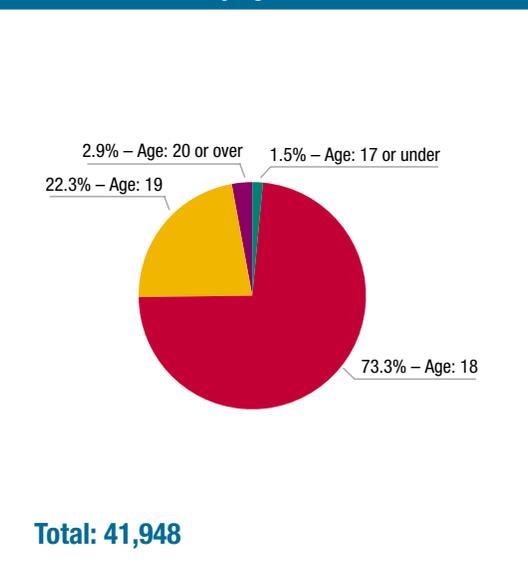
Cal Grant B Awards by Income



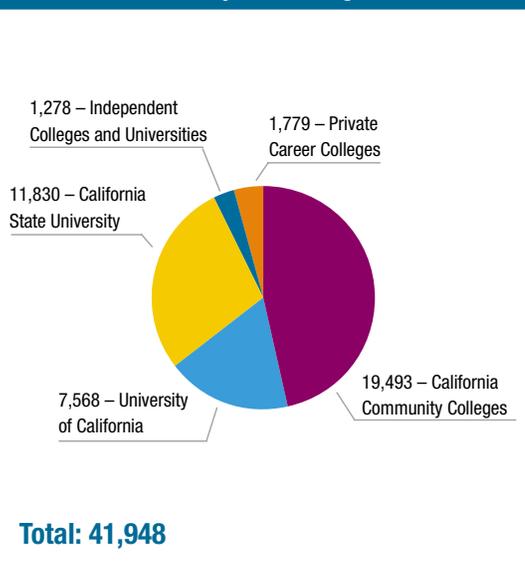
Average Parental Assets by Segment

School Segment	Assets
California Community Colleges	\$1,062
University of California	\$3,624
California State University	\$1,864
Independent Colleges and Universities	\$2,074
Private Career Colleges	\$1,351

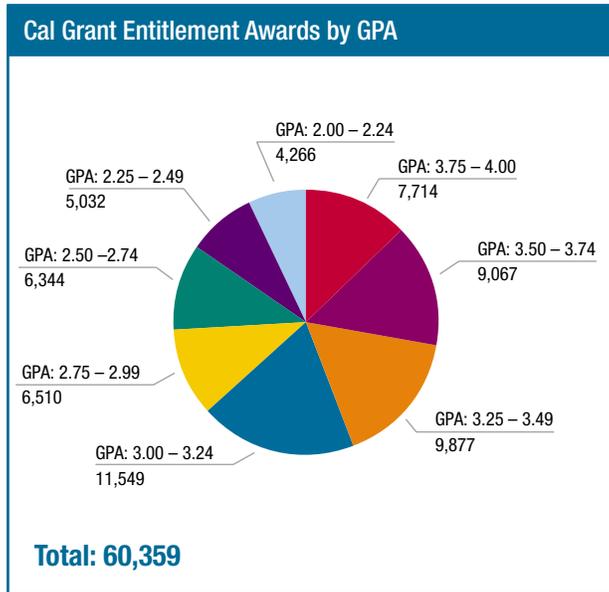
Cal Grant B Awards by Age



Cal Grant B Awards by School Segment



# About the Recipients



<b>Typical Recipient</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Family Size</b>
<b>Cal Grant A</b>	\$45,672	3.47	4.2
<b>Cal Grant B</b>	\$19,043	2.96	4.3
<b>All (Cal Grant A &amp; B)</b>	\$27,165	3.12	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 126,570 students who were successful in completing this first step, 30,080 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 96,490 applicants were matched against the program's financial criteria, with 60,359 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.