About the Recipients

Cal Grant Entitlement Awards by GPA

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Total: 65,378

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 145,185 students who were successful in completing this first step, 40,650 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 104,535 applicants were matched against the program’s financial criteria, with 65,378 meeting the ceilings.

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Demographics

Typical Recipient

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- California Community Colleges: 21,618
- University of California: 2,658
- California State University: 13,600
- Independent Colleges and Universities: 2,251
- Private Career Colleges: 2,187

Total A Awards: 18,811
Total B Awards: 46,567

Facts at Your Fingertips 2005–2006

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Cal Grant Entitlement

Award requirements include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA), and graduation from high school in 2003–04 or 2004–05. 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, 17,711 were awarded to 2004–05 high school graduates, while 6 percent, or 1,100, were awarded to those who graduated in 2003–04.

A

Cal Grant A Awards by GPA

Cal Grant A Awards by Income

Average Parental Assets by Segment

School Segment | Assets
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California Community Colleges | $4,458
University of California | $7,909
California State University | $5,167
Independent Colleges and Universities | $5,668
Private Career Colleges | $3,055

Cal Grant A Awards by School Segment

| Award Type | 905 – Private Career Colleges | 4,673 – Independent Colleges and Universities | 2,929 – California Community Colleges | 905 – University of California | 5,205 – California State University |
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Total: 18,811

Cal Grant A Awards by Age

1.4% – Age: 20 or over
1.8% – Age: 17 or under
18.9% – Age: 19
77.9% – Age: 18

Cal Grant Entitlement

Award requirements include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 2.0 GPA, and graduation from high school in 2003–04 or 2004–05. 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, 43,994 were awarded to 2004–05 high school graduates, while 6 percent, or 2,573, were awarded to those who graduated in 2003–04.

B

Cal Grant B Awards by GPA

Cal Grant B Awards by Income

Average Parental Assets by Segment

School Segment | Assets
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California Community Colleges | $1,121
University of California | $3,774
California State University | $1,794
Independent Colleges and Universities | $2,260
Private Career Colleges | $1,430

Cal Grant B Awards by School Segment

| Award Type | 1,304 – Independent Colleges and Universities | 13,081 – California State University | 7,424 – University of California | 22,499 – California Community Colleges | 2,259 – Private Career Colleges |
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Total: 46,567

Cal Grant B Awards by Age

2.0% – Age: 20 or over
1.4% – Age: 17 or under
20.5% – Age: 19
75.5% – Age: 18

The maximum family income for a Cal Grant B is $44,200

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