Cal Grant

High School Entitlement Program

Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000), guaranteed an Entitlement Cal Grant A or B award to every graduating high school senior who has 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 2012-13 March 2nd Entitlement award application deadline, the applicant pool included recent high school graduates, as well as those who graduated in 2010-11 and did not receive a Cal Grant award.

For the 2012-13 award cycle, the Commission continued to partner with education stakeholders, the California Legislature, as well as the private sector and community-based organizations, to provide an outreach and public awareness effort that included statewide student and parent workshops, school-based financial aid training, ethnic media coverage and outreach. As a result, Entitlement Cal Grant awards continue to pave the way for California’s diverse students to access a postsecondary education.

Schools seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program must meet various statutory eligibility requirements. Beginning in 2011-12, an additional requirement for institutional eligibility was implemented which required schools to meet a federal student loan three-year Cohort Default Rate threshold. Beginning in 2012-13, a second requirement for institutional eligibility was implemented which required schools to meet a graduation rate threshold.

The data in this document reflect the applicants who qualified for an Entitlement Cal Grant A and B award in 2012-13. A qualified applicant may be attending or planning to attend an eligible or ineligible Cal Grant school.

High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Recipients by Program and Gender

- Total A Awards: 42,164
- Total B Awards: 77,383

- 26.4% - Cal Grant B
  - Men
- 13.4% - Cal Grant A
  - Men
- 38.3% - Cal Grant B
  - Women
- 21.9% - Cal Grant A
  - Women

High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Recipients by School Segment

- Total A Awards: 42,164
- Total B Awards: 77,383

- California Community Colleges: 41,558
- University of California: 19,705
- California State University: 8,420
- Independent Colleges and Universities: 8,421
- Private Career Colleges: 2,199
- Total B Awards: 77,383
- Total A Awards: 42,164
**Entitlement A**

**Cal Grant**

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) and graduation from high school in 2010-11 or 2011-12. 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 independent California colleges and universities and private career colleges. Of these Cal Grant A awards, 40,539 were awarded to 2011-12 high school graduates, while 4 percent, or 1,625, were awarded to those who graduated in 2010-11.

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**Cal Grant A Average Parental Assets by Segment**

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*98 percent of recipients are dependent.

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**Cal Grant A Recipients by School Segment**

- 19,705 -- University of California
- 8,420 -- California State University
- 4,611 -- California Community Colleges
- 1,007 -- Private Career Colleges
- 8,421 -- Independent Colleges and Universities

Total: 42,164

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**Cal Grant A Recipients by Age**

- 78.5% -- Age: 18
- 1.3% -- Age: 17 or under
- 19.2% -- Age: 19 or over

Total: 42,164
**Entitlement Cal Grant B**

**Award requirements** include financial and basic eligibility, a minimum 2.0 GPA and graduation from high school in 2010-11 or 2011-12. Cal Grant B awards provide up to $1,473 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 independent four-year colleges or other qualifying institutions. Of these Cal Grant B awards, 73,491 were awarded to 2011-12 high school graduates, while 5 percent, or 3,892, were awarded to those who graduated in 2010-11.

**Cal Grant B Average Parental Assets by Segment**

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*89 percent of recipients are dependent.

**Cal Grant B Recipients by School Segment**

- 3,465 -- Private Career Colleges
- 2,199 -- Independent Colleges and Universities
- 28,491 -- California State University
- 41,558 -- California Community College
- 1,670 -- University of California

Total: 77,383

**Cal Grant B Recipients by GPA**

- 2.00 - 2.24: 10,847
- 2.25 - 2.49: 12,136
- 2.50 - 2.74: 14,320
- 2.75 - 3.00: 13,642
- 3.05 - 3.25: 7,615
- 3.25 - 3.49: 4,960
- 3.50 - 3.74: 2,588

**Cal Grant B Recipients by Income**

- $11,999 or less: 27,229
- $12,000-$23,999: 21,932
- $24,000-$35,999: 18,276
- $36,000-$47,999: 9,264
- $48,000-$59,999: 682
- $60,000-$71,999: N/A
- $72,000-$92,600: N/A

*The maximum family income for a Cal Grant B is $50,900.*

**Cal Grant B Recipients by Age**

- 0.7% -- Age: 17 or under
- 2.4% -- Age: 18
- 72.5% -- Age: 19
- 24.4% -- Age: 20 or over

Total: 77,383
About the Recipients

High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B Recipients by GPA

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About the Applicants

Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify. Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is the first step for students to be considered for an Entitlement award. Of the 205,450 students who were successful in completing this first step, 33,410 did not qualify for various reasons. Examples of these reasons include: neglecting to indicate they were a California resident at the time of high school graduation, mistakenly indicating they had already graduated with a bachelor's degree, and not listing a California school seeking to participate in the Cal Grant Program on the FAFSA. These applicants were given the opportunity to correct their application and receive an Entitlement award. The remaining 172,040 applicants were matched against the program’s financial criteria, with 119,547 awarded an Entitlement Cal Grant.

Typical Recipient

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The California Student Aid Commission is the state principal agency responsible for administering financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California. The financial aid programs include the Cal Grant program, the Chafee Grant Program and several targeted state scholarship and loan assumption programs. The Commission also administers financial aid awareness and outreach programs, such as Cal-SOAP and Cash for College, in collaboration with business, private industry and community-based organizations.

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