

## 2018-19 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget.**

Grant Criteria	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
<b>Students must:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be a California resident</li> <li>- Be a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or AB540</li> <li>- Attend an eligible California college or university</li> <li>- Be enrolled at least half time</li> <li>- Not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund</li> </ul>		
<b>Eligibility based on:</b>	<i>Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA</i>	<i>Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA</i>	<i>Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and Cal Grant C Supplement Form</i>
<b>Application forms:</b>	<i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Verified GPA</i>		<i>FAFSA or CADAA and Cal Grant C Supplement Form</i>
<b>Minimum length of program:</b>	<i>Two academic years resulting in an associate or baccalaureate degree of 48 semester units or the equivalent</i>	<i>One academic year resulting in an associate, baccalaureate degree or certificate of at least 24 semester units or the equivalent</i>	<i>Four months, in a recognized occupational or technical training</i>
<b>Eligibility time limit:</b>	<i>Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year programs)</i>		<i>Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less</i>
<b>Minimum need for new recipients:</b>	<i>Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500</i>
<b>Type of assistance:</b>	<i>Tuition and fee assistance only</i>	<i>Access award (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition and fee plus access award thereafter</i>	<i>Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs (including books and supplies)</i>
<b>New recipient annual award amounts:</b>	<i>CSU - \$5,742 UC - \$12,630 For-Profit (Non WASC) - \$4,000 For Profit (WASC) - \$9,084 Private Non-Profit - \$9,084</i>	<i>In the first year, only the access award of \$1,672; in subsequent years, the access award plus a tuition and fee award equal to Cal Grant A</i>	<i>Community College - \$1,094 Non-Community College - tuition, fees and training related costs up to \$2,462 and \$547 for books &amp; supplies</i>
<b>Special award category:</b>	<i>California Community College (CCC) Reserve: eligible CCC students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two years until they attend a four-year school</i>	<i>Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both the access award and tuition and fees in the first year</i>	<i>None</i>
<b>Renewal process:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit a FAFSA or CADAA</li> <li>- Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria</li> <li>- Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by the school of attendance</li> <li>- Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status</li> </ul>		

**California Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131)** allows undocumented and documented students who meet AB 540 eligibility requirements to:

- apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities
- apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as Cal Grant, Chafee, community college fee waiver and institutional grants

<b>HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
	<b>Cal Grant A</b>	<b>Cal Grant B</b>
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<i>March 2, 2018</i>	<i>March 2, 2018</i>
<b>Population served:</b>	<i>2017-18 or 2018-19 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school GPA</i>	<i>2017-18 or 2018-19 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA</i>
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	<i>All eligible students</i>	
<b>CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<i>March 2, 2018</i>	<i>March 2, 2018</i>
<b>Additional requirements:</b>	<i>Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form, if identified as potentially eligible</i>	
<b>Population served:</b>	<i>Students who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year; were California residents when they graduated (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); OR commencing with 2017-18, non-high school graduates or its equivalent that were a California resident at the age of 18; have at least a 2.4 California Community College GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded; must transfer to and receive award payment at an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year</i>	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	<i>All eligible students</i>	
<b>COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)</b>		
<b>Application deadlines:</b>	<i>First deadline: March 2, 2018 Second deadline: September 2, 2018 for California Community College students only</i>	
<b>Population served:</b>	<i>Students from low and middle-income families</i>	
<b>Selection criteria:</b>	<i>Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors include financial, GPA, parental education and marital status, family income and size, years since HS graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education.</i>	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	<i>25,750 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2018 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2018 deadline</i>	
<b>CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)</b>		
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<i>March 2, 2018</i>	
<b>Population served:</b>	<i>Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking a vocational career or technical education</i>	
<b>Number of new awards:</b>	<i>7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state Budget Bill</i>	
<b>Additional requirements:</b>	<i>Completion of the C Supplement Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible</i>	

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program as administered by the California Student Aid Commission. For more information, visit [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) or [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org). For detailed descriptions, please refer to California Education Code.