



# OPERATIONS MEMO

## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2015-16 Cal Grant Award Amounts and Dream Act Renewals Eligible to File a FAFSA**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the award amount changes as prescribed in the 2015-16 Budget Act and provides guidance regarding the 2015-16 renewal of Cal Grant Dreamers eligible to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### 2015-16 Cal Grant Award Amounts

Rosters displaying the updated award amounts are now available on WebGrants.

- **\$1,656** - Cal Grant B Access Award
- **\$9,084** – Maximum Cal Grant A and B Tuition award for new recipients attending private, non-profit institutions, and WASC accredited for-profit institutions.

The tables below display award amounts for the two changes listed above by both semester and quarter disbursements, in addition to full-time (FT), three quarter-time (TT), and half-time (HT) status award amounts:

<b>Access Amount: \$1,656</b>			
<b>Semester</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>TT</b>	<b>HT</b>
Fall	828	621	414
Spring	828	621	414
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>TT</b>	<b>HT</b>
Fall	552	414	276
Winter	552	414	276
Spring	552	414	276

<b>Tuition and Fee Amount: \$9,084</b>			
<b>Semester</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>TT</b>	<b>HT</b>
Fall	4542	3407	2271
Spring	4542	3407	2271
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>TT</b>	<b>HT</b>
Fall	3028	2271	1514
Winter	3028	2271	1514
Spring	3028	2271	1514

### **2015-16 Dream Act Renewals Eligible to File a FAFSA**

Cal Grant students awarded in 2014-15 under the CA Dream Act Application who are now a US citizen or an eligible noncitizen (permanent resident) and hold a valid Social Security number (SSN), can be processed for 2015-16 Cal Grant renewal under the FAFSA.

- If your school has identified any student in this situation, please contact Institutional Support to convert the Dream ID (Pseudo SSN) to the SSN.
- The student will appear on your roster and all other records under the SSN, as the Dream ID will become inactive.
- Students are flagged on the roster as "Cal Dream Act Application" to indicate the student initially applied and was awarded under the CA Dream Act Application.
- Students who have a SSN through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) displaying "VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION" should **not** file a FAFSA.

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