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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: New 2015-16 March 2 Competitive Award Offers

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the processing of the 2015-16 Cal Grant March 2 Competitive awards.

- Pursuant to GSA 2015-25, published on July 2, 2015, the number of Competitive Cal Grant awards increased from 22,500 to 25,750, therefore, the Commission issued additional award offers to the next cohort of eligible students.
- A total of 1,625 newly eligible students were offered a March 2 Competitive award.
- The 2015-16 Competitive Cal Grant scoring has been reduced from 804 to 798.
- Applicants with a score of 798 or above were offered a Competitive Cal Grant.
- The Commission advises institutions to look for these newly awarded students on their school rosters for payment postings.

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