



# OPERATIONS MEMO

## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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**SUBJECT: 2016-17 September 2 Competitive Cal Grant Awards**

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This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the award processing for the 2016-17 September 2 Competitive award cycle was completed.

- Over **215,170** financially eligible applicants were considered for the 12,875 September 2 awards.
- A 1000-point scoring system was applied for the September 2 award cycle; this is the same scoring system used for the March 2 award cycle.
- Following the scoring of all eligible applicants, the Commission set a cut-off score of **665** for applicants receiving an award offer.
- Awarded students were notified by email of their 2016-17 Cal Grant award offer and advised to use WebGrants for Students for further information on their Cal Grant status.

For Competitive Cal Grant inquiries, please perform the following actions:

- View a breakdown of your students' Cal Grant scores by selecting the "CAL A SCORES" or "CAL B SCORES" button on the Student Award Detail screen on WebGrants.
- Identify students who are not attending your campus or are not eligible for the Cal Grant award on the WebGrants payment rosters. Refer to the Cal Grant Pay Codes User Guide in the WebGrants Help Center for appropriate code usage.

As a reminder, institutions are unable to submit Leave of Absence (LA) requests for newly awarded Competitive Cal Grant students. The Commission will continue to receive and process **student-initiated** LA requests.

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