



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2018-19 September 2 Competitive Cal Grant Awards**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the award processing for the 2018-19 September 2 Competitive award cycle was completed.

- Over 195,249 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 659 for applicants receiving an award offer.
- Awarded students were notified by email of their 2018-19 Cal Grant award offer and advised to use WebGrants for Students for further information about their Cal Grant status.

The Commission is allowed to make 35,000 initial competitive Cal Grant award offers for the award year. The maximum authorized number of new paid awards is 25,750. 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 roster. 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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