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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2020-21 September 2 Competitive Cal Grant Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides guidance to California Community Colleges (CCC) regarding the 2020-21 September 2 enrollment and Grade Point Average (GPA) submission processes for the Competitive Cal Grant A and B programs. These awards are for students attending an eligible CCC during the 2020-21 Fall term.

Students who will be considered in the 2020-21 Cal Grant CCC competition are those who:

- Did not receive a March 2nd Cal Grant award.

- Applied after the March 2nd deadline.

- Completed a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) postmarked or posted online by September 2, 2020.

- Submitted a verified GPA to the Commission for the 2020-21 award year by September 2, 2020.

- Are listed on a 2020-21 CCC enrollment file.

CCC Enrollment Verification and Submission

- Upload enrollment data files directly to the Commission through WebGrants. Users have the option to upload a complete data file or to enter individual records. The [Enrollment Record Layout Specifications](#) are the same as last year.

- CCCs should report all students enrolled for Fall 2020, regardless of the number of units in which the student is enrolled.

- Both semester and quarter CCCs must submit enrollment data no later than **September 17, 2020 before 5pm**.

- For CADAA applicants, please include the student's Dream Act ID (beginning with 000) in place of a social security number (SSN) when submitting enrollment data. The Dream Act ID is located in position 2-10 on the Cal ISIR file.

- The Dream Act ID can also be located on the roster, award summary and detail screens or the Cal Student Aid Report (SAR) in WebGrants.

- CCC enrollment files should be uploaded using the Enrollment link in the WebGrants Navigation Bar. For additional help, the Enrollment Data Submission guide is available under the WebGrants Help link. Please do not use secure file transfer to upload the file.

- The Commission anticipates processing the September 2 Competitive Award cycle on September 18, 2020.

Cal Grant GPA Submission

- The deadline for GPA submission is September 2, 2020. Please refer to the College GPA Calculation instructions for complete details on how to calculate a community college GPA or re-established GPA.

- To identify CCC GPAs as re-established, choose the re-established check box before uploading. Uploading both regular and re-established GPAs requires separate data file uploads.

- Authorized school officials are encouraged to submit verified GPAs by uploading data files through WebGrants. For CADAA applicants, please use the student's Dream Act ID in place of an SSN.

- To add GPAs individually please use the 'Add GPAs' screen. For CADAA applicants, please use the student's Dream Act ID in place of an SSN.

- For students who have not yet submitted a CADAA (do not have a Dream Act ID), authorized school officials can utilize the 'Add NON-SSN GPAs / Test Scores' option in WebGrants.

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