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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: Cal Grant – Late GPA Appeal Process for Colleges

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) explains the Late Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) appeal process for colleges and students who missed the March 2, 2023 filing deadline.

State regulations allow Cal Grant applicants to appeal the late submission of their Cal Grant GPA if circumstances beyond their control delayed or prevented them from submitting a verified GPA by the March 2, 2023 filing deadline. The appeal process mentioned herein covers students in the High School Entitlement (E1), Community College Transfer Entitlement (E2) and Competitive Cal Grant awards, which specify that a GPA be submitted by the March 2 deadline. Students planning on attending a California Community College in the fall 2023, have until September 2, 2023, to have a qualifying GPA submitted as part of the Community College Entitlement (E3) program.

Late GPA Appeal Process – Submitted by School(s)

- Submit an appeal on school letterhead and include the following:
 - School code
 - School contact information
 - Brief explanation of why the submission deadline was missed
 - If appealing for a few students, include the following on your appeal letter (no need to attach excel or .txt file)
 - Student name
 - DOB
 - SSID (if applicable)
 - GPA
 - Send all appeal letters to schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.
- If appealing for an entire school or many students, submit the [Non-SSN GPA Template Excel file](#) through *Secure File Transfer* (WebGrants >Data Transfer > File Upload > Select “Secure File Transfer”). If submitting through this method, please state so on your appeal letter. Colleges continue to have the option to submit GPAs using the SSN (preferred) or Non-SSN methods.
 - SSN GPA files should be formatted using the [SSN GPA Record Layout](#).

- For students who do not have an SSN or Dream Act ID, GPAs can be submitted using the [Non-SSN GPA Excel template](#).
- If you do not have access to upload via *Secure File Transfer*, send a password protected document via e-mail. Please include the password for your file in your appeal letter.

Competitive Cal Grant Late GPA Appeal Deadline – Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

- 2023-24 Competitive Cal Grant applicants are:
 - All students that submitted a 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or 2023-24 CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the March 2, 2023 filing deadline and,
 - Do not meet the parameters for an Entitlement Cal Grant award

Entitlement Cal Grant Late GPA Appeal Deadline – Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

- 2023-24 Entitlement Cal Grant applicants are:
 - Students that graduated high school (class of 2022 and class of 2023) or achieved the equivalent (GED, HiSET, or TASC) on or after July 1, 2020; or
 - Students who are planning to transfer from a California Community College (CCC) to a four-year college during the 2023-24 academic year.

Late GPA Process – Submitted by Student(s)

- Complete the [Late Cal Grant GPA Appeal Form](#) located on the Commission's website, providing an explanation of the circumstances that prevented the student from submitting an on-time Cal Grant GPA.
- Ensure the appeal is **received** by the Commission no later than **March 22, 2023** for competitive awards or **May 16, 2023** for entitlement awards.

Need to contact us?

- School Support phone number: (888) 294-0153
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