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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 Cal Grant High School Entitlement Awards Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) communicates updates to the initial 2024-25 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (E1) award cycle.

In previous award years, the Commission has typically offered preliminary E1 award offers after the release of federal Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) and California Institutional Student Information Records (Cal ISIRs) following the opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). As outlined in [GSA 2024-10](#), Federal Student Aid (FSA) announced an additional delay to the release of 2024-25 ISIRs to state agencies and colleges until the first half of March 2024. As a result of this delay, the Commission anticipates processing initial 2024-25 Cal Grant High School Entitlement awards in April 2024.

### 2024-25 Cal Grant Modified High School Entitlement Awards

The Commission has completed initial changes per the Cal Grant Reform proposal adopted in the 2022 State Budget under the new [Cal Grant Equity Framework](#) resulting in a modified Cal Grant E1 award cycle for the 2024-25 award year. This modified process will consider the eligibility variables of the two Cal Grant models, and only offer preliminary awards to students that meet the eligibility criteria under both.

- Due to the May 2024 state revenue contingency for the confirmation of the Cal Grant Reform changes for the 2024-25 award year, the Commission will run a modified E1 Cal Grant selection process to offer initial awards to students eligible under both, the Cal Grant legacy and Cal Grant reform models.
- Following the May 2024 revenue confirmation and final 2024-25 Cal Grant model determination, the Commission will move forward with processing additional students for Cal Grant award consideration.

**2024-25 Cal Grant Rosters**

The 2024-25 Cal Grant rosters will be available in read-only mode until the 2024-25 Cal Grant model is confirmed. No school changes or other transactions will be allowed during this period.

- Following the changes to the 2024-25 ISIR and Cal ISIR, as well as the potential changes per the Cal Grant Reform model, the 2024-25 Cal Grant roster file layout will be updated to reflect those changes.
- A draft version of the 2024-25 Cal Grant roster file layout will be released within the next couple of weeks.

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