



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2015-16 California State Budget Update**

On June 24, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed the 2015-16 Budget Act. This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the changes to the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship programs for the 2015-16 award year.

### Cal Grant Program

- Increases number of Competitive Cal Grant awards from 22,500 to **25,750**.
- Maintains maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at non-profit and WASC-accredited for-profit institutions at **\$9,084**.
- Supplements Cal Grant B access award of \$1,648 by \$8 to **\$1,656** through the College Access Tax Credit Fund.

### Middle Class Scholarship Program

- Maintains the **\$150,000** maximum annual household income amount.
- Adds a maximum annual household asset amount of **\$150,000**.
- Beginning in 2016-17:
  - Limits program participation to 4 years.
  - Adjusts household income and asset levels.

### Systemwide Tuition and Fees for UC and CSU

- Increases the UC mandatory systemwide tuition and fees to **\$12,240**.
- Maintains CSU mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at **\$5,472**.

### California Community Colleges

- Appropriates \$39,000,000 of the Community Colleges' Proposition 98 funding to Cal Grant B access award recipients enrolled in 12 or more units at California Community Colleges.

**Grant Delivery System**

- Allocates positions and funding for the Commission's Grant Delivery System Modernization Project.

**Outreach Programs**

- Appropriates funds to continue the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) and Cash for College Program.

The Commission will make the necessary changes to the Webgrants system over the next two weeks and will update rosters with the new award amounts. Any students whose awards changed from their initial award offers will be informed of their updated status by mid-July.

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