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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **WebGrants System Availability and Transfer Entitlement Award Processing**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on WebGrants System availability and award processing. The Commission will be offering the first round of preliminary awards for the 2016-17 California Community College (CCC) Transfer Entitlement award program. During award processing, all systems including WebGrants, WebGrants for Students, CA Dream Act Application and the Chafee Application will be temporarily unavailable.

- On Friday, **April 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.**, the WebGrants System will be placed into a “System Maintenance Mode” and will be unavailable until Monday, **April 25, 2016 at approximately 12:00 noon**.

- While the WebGrants System is unavailable, the Commission will be processing the weekly 2016-17 preliminary CCC Transfer Entitlement Awards.

Students eligible for 2016-17 CCC Transfer Entitlement Award consideration:

- Completed a 2016-17 FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by March 2, 2016.
- Attended a CCC during the 2015-16 academic year.
- Plan to transfer from a CCC to a bachelor degree granting institution (BDGI) during the 2016-17 academic year.
- Graduated from a California high school or its equivalent after June 30, 2000.
- Were California residents at the time of high school graduation.
- Are no more than 27 years of age.
- Submitted a CCC GPA of at least 2.4.

**Weekly Processes**

The system downtime will not affect the Commission’s weekly processes that normally run over the weekend. All Cal Grant and MCS payment transactions for this week will be processed on Friday night as usual.

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